



IRONSIDES STATE SCHOOL

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YEAR 5 CAMP 2024

Dear Year 5 Parents / Caregivers,

We are excited to advise that planning for the Year 5 Camp at Tyalgum Ridge is underway.

Dates: Wednesday 9 – Friday 11 October, 2024.

Location: Tyalgum Ridge is located just over the NSW border and is set against the stunning background of the hinterland. <https://www.tyalgumridge.com.au/>

Program: The focus for this camp is leadership and developing self-awareness and resilience which is highly relevant for the future leaders of the school. Tyalgum Ridge Retreat programs are based around small group interaction where students are encouraged to show personal initiative and leadership in well-planned, challenging outdoor activities. The program is also based around students observing and improving their understanding of the natural processes which are occurring around them. Students will be organised into groups with teachers/supervisors from Ironsides State School and will have the opportunity to work with peers from across the Year 5 cohort.

Transport: Students will be transported to Ironsides State School to Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, and return by coach. The buses are air conditioned and seat belted. Details about when to arrive at school for departure will be communicated closer to the time. Students are to be collected from Ironsides State School at 3pm on the last day of the Camp.

Activities: All activities conducted at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat are carefully evaluated and managed through risk management procedures. Participants are instructed in the safety procedures to be followed for the duration of each activity, which includes a description of each piece of equipment that is used, their correct handling and a full practical demonstration of the activity. Activities are managed by qualified, experienced camp staff and students are also carefully supervised by Ironsides staff at all times. Activities will be determined once student numbers are finalised and may include canoeing, orienteering, archery, mountain biking, flying fox, initiative games, reptile encounter and a rainforest walk.

Accommodation: Students will be accommodated in comfortable rooms with ensuites sleeping in one main building. Staff will be accommodated in single rooms throughout this same building to allow for close supervision of students.

Dining: The camp is fully catered with a daily menu consisting of breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Individuals with special dietary needs are also catered for subject to information being provided in advance of the camp.



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Cost: The cost for the camp includes accommodation, facility and equipment hire, catering, program instruction and transport. The final cost will be advised after all deposits have been paid and student numbers are finalised. As a general indication, the cost of this camp last year was \$325. If student numbers are lower than expected, the price may increase. **Full payment** is required by the dates outlined in this letter, for students to be able to attend.

For a safe and successful Year 5 Camp, students need to demonstrate the Ironside STAR expectations at school in the lead-up to Camp and during the duration of Camp. Students must show they can act safely, respectfully and follow the directions of supervising adults at all times. Students whose actions place themselves or others at risk may be removed from activities, or if the conduct breach is serious, parents may be called to take their child home. All costs associated with early departure due to student misconduct will be paid by the child's parents.

Year 5 Camp is not a compulsory activity – student participation is determined by the school and student's parents. Students who do not attend Year 5 Camp are taught by an Ironside teacher with a parallel program at school. All students are provided with full opportunity to wish to self-nominate for leadership opportunities. While it is encouraged, attendance at Camp is not a pre-requisite for this process.

Student participation is also dependent on conduct at school. Students whose conduct does not meet school expectations in terms of safety, integrity, respect for others and compliance with instructions may not be eligible to attend Camp. This final decision rests with the Camp Co-ordinator, Deputy Principal Year 5/6.

Parents who would like their child to go on Camp are asked to complete the "Intention to Participate" form (return to class teacher) and pay a **\$50 non-refundable deposit to be received by the school on Friday 9th August.**

Invoices for the deposit have been sent are titled 'Year 5 Camp'.

Full and final payment is due on **Friday 6th September**

An information session will be held on **Tuesday 20th August at 6pm.** In the meantime, please feel welcome to email me if you have any questions on kbail140@eq.edu.au.

Kind regards

Hannah McFarlane
Year 5 Classroom teacher

Katie Bailey
Deputy Principal Year 5/6

Angie Kelly
Principal



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INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE

Student's full name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/s name/s: _____

Email address: _____

- ☐ I/we intend for our child to participate in the 2024 Year 5 Camp
- ☐ I/we understand that a non-refundable deposit is payable on invoice
- ☐ I/we understand that students are expected to demonstrate safe, responsible and respectful behaviour at school, as a condition of participation of camp.
- ☐ I/we agree to collect our child from Tyalgum if required and understand that all cost associated with early departure due to illness or student misconduct will be paid by the child 's parent/caregiver/s.

Sign or type name: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER

**PAY DEPOSIT ON-LINE THROUGH THE LINK ON YOUR INVOICE
OR THE QKr APP**