



# ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

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## St John's College EOTC Year 10 Camps 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

Education outside the classroom (EOTC) is an important part of the curriculum at St John's College. For this reason we utilize the last week of Term 4 for all Year 10 students to be involved in camps. Camps are compulsory for all Year 10 students. Camp dates are Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The purpose of this letter is two fold: Firstly, to give caregivers plenty of time to prepare for the unavoidable cost and secondly, for the students to give an indication as to which camp they would like to attend. As with any camp, there is a cost to the parents/guardians and our aim is for all camps to be paid for well in advance to help with successful preparation.

It is important that your son selects the camp he wishes to go on carefully, as there is limited space on each of the camps. It will be very difficult to move to another camp if they wish to change. We have a range of camps that will meet the needs of all students with regard to EOTC.

Once all slips are returned and camp groups are created, more detailed information will be sent home about each of the camps.

St John's boys invariably remember their Year 10 camp experiences as some of the best days of their secondary school lives and we appreciate the sacrifice you as caregivers have to make in order for them to partake in the great range of fun, educational and challenging activities we have to offer them.

### Year 10 Camps 2011:

#### Tramping; Tongariro National Park – Mr Sparrow

Spend 4 days walking through some of the most magnificent scenery this country has to offer while camping in DoC campgrounds along the way. Discover what it means to really 'get back to nature' under the experienced and expert guidance of Mr Sparrow.

Estimated cost: \$200 - \$220

Maximum Number: 15

#### Mountain Biking; Rotorua – Mr Parr

This 4 day camp will be dominated by mountain biking through the Whakarewarewa forest. Single track, downhill, climbs and traverse are all planned. The cost will cover accommodation, food, experienced guides and bike hireage. Students will become familiar with this beautiful part of the country and experience it in an exciting and physically challenging way.

Estimated cost: \$240 - \$280

Maximum Number: 22

#### Golf; Waikato – Mr Robinson

Students who choose this camp will have top class coaching and play at some of the finest courses around the greater Hamilton area. Students will travel each day to a different course or venue and return home at night. This is a fantastic opportunity for any student who is interested in golf, experienced or not!

Estimated cost: \$150 – \$220

Maximum Number: 25

#### Surfing; Raglan – Mr Gee and Mr Wood

This camp will take place over 4 days and will be based around the Raglan area. Students will learn to surf at the Raglan Surf School and under the guidance of Mr Gee, or look to improve their surfing skills.

Estimated cost: \$290 - \$310

Maximum Number: 20

**Adventure Education; Tauranga – Mrs Fairweather**

This camp will involve many outdoor-based activities such as paintball, swimming & kayaking and introduction to scuba diving. Students will be required to work in groups, which helps develop communication and co-operation skills and will come away with a great sense of accomplishment and confidence in what they can achieve.

**Estimated cost: \$260 - \$310**

**Maximum Number: 22**

**Marae Visit; – Mr Kelly**

This camp is open to all Year 10 students and will involve staying on a Marae, a sports exchange, water-based activities and many other outdoor activities. Students are guaranteed to enjoy an action-packed time over this 4 day camp.

**Estimated cost: \$100 - \$200**

**Maximum Number: 25**

**Scuba Diving; Slipper Island – Mr Miller & Mr Jackways**

This is the third year that this exciting camp will be run - by the professional staff from Tairua Dive. Students will receive, at the end of the camp, their junior open water or full open water dive certificate (depending on age). Students will prepare for the camp at school with the theory and pool sessions before heading to Slipper Island for the open water component.

**Estimated cost: \$775 - \$800**

**Maximum Number: 12**

**Fishing; Papa Aroha – Mr Andrew**

Always popular and always a great time had by all. Join Mr Andrew and other experienced fishermen for 4 days of fly and boat fishing in a beautiful coastal location. Camp in tents at night and fish all day. Great value for money as everthing is covered except for rods, which you bring yourself.

**Estimated cost: \$200 - \$260**

**Maximum Number: 25**

We hope that with the information provided, your son will wisely choose the camps he feels he will benefit most from. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact me at school on (07) 856 7091 or through my email: kjackways@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

Yours sincerely,

Kyle Jackways  
(Teacher in Charge of Year 10 Camps)

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**St John's College EOTC  
Year 10 Camps**

Students are asked to prioritise their choice of camp. It is usual that students will get their first or second choice of camps.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Order of Preference:
- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return forms ASAP to the Student Services Desk but no later than  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.**