

Ahuroa

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Re: Year 10 at Ahuroa.

Dear parents,

During this term your son's year ten form class, will spend a five day week at the school venture camp at Ahuroa. Details of the visit are included with this letter, please note that every boy is expected to go unless there are exceptional circumstances prohibiting him from participating, in which case you are requested to contact the Master In Charge of Ahuroa. For obvious reasons the medical form included is of the utmost importance and needs to be filled in and given to the sixth form Phys Ed student who will forward the completed forms to the resident teacher Rod Pancoust.

N.B. For specific Form Class dates please refer to the School Calendar.

The Ahuroa site is approximately 70 km north of Auckland and 15 km inland from Puhoi. The school property comprises some 700 acres, a dormitory building with kitchen, social and dining rooms, an adjacent ablution block and a separate farm house in which the Camp Manager, Mr Pancoust, lives with his family.

The week is planned to help develop skills of, self awareness and a better appreciation of the outdoors and natural environment. The programme includes; bush craft, tramping (Duke of Edinburgh Award), abseiling, climbing on our 11m free standing climbing wall and shooting. During the course your son will maintain a log book which he will subsequently retain as a souvenir and for reference for his next trip into the great outdoors. You are encouraged to view the log book when your son returns from the camp.

The classes will be supervised by; Mr Pancoust, an additional Outdoor Education Instructor and two Senior Phys Ed students. Boys should report at King's in camp dress, unless they are traveling in by train, in which case they must change at school.

Please feel free to contact me with any enquiries that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Macpherson.
Master i/c Ahuroa

Gear List

Assemble : 8.45 am outside the Day Houses

Day Boys should go to House Meetings first (Monday)

Return: 2:30 - 3.00 pm approx, (Friday)

Pack (suitable for 2 day tramp)or one can be borrowed from Ahuroa

Sleeping Bag

Parka/Raincoat. Must be waterproof

2 pair long trousers

2 pair football shorts

1 warm woollen shirt

1 football jersey

2 T-shirts

2 warm woollen jersey

Spare underwear

Polyprop thermal wear is very good

3 pair woollen socks

Woollen hat

Swimming Togs

Wetsuit (recommended for Kayaking) OR Polyprop Shirt and Longjohns

Sandshoes or Training shoes (comfortable and with a grip)

Tramping / Walking boots

Toilet gear

Towel

Torch (spare batteries)

Sticking plasters

Watch, book, camera

Sun cream

Insect repellent

Chocolate bars for spare energy food

Please check that all gear is named.

Survival kit (in suitable pouch or container, may include:)

chocolate bar

note book

pencil

cheap compass

pocket knife

whistle

aluminum blanket

pain killers

N.B. A cheap survival kit can be obtained from Outdoor Education or Army Surplus Store

Items not already owned should be hired or borrowed.

Do not bring: Money (unless it is for the train journey home on Friday)

MP3 players , ipods, discmans etc. Nature will provide all the music you need.