

Ahuroa

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Re: Year 9 at Ahuroa.

Dear parents,

During this term your son's year nine 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, 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 Mr C Macpherson who will forward the completed forms to the resident teacher Rod Pancoust. If the Medical form is not signed and handed in prior to the departure of the Coach for Ahuroa students will be unable to board the bus and will be sent home. Parents will then be required to bring both their son and the medical form up to Ahuroa.

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 800 acres (mostly planted in pine trees), 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 outdoor skills and self awareness including a better appreciation of the outdoors and the natural environment. The program includes; bush and camp craft, tramping, abseiling, climbing (11 meter climbing wall) and shooting. During the course your son will maintain a log book which he will subsequently retain as a souvenir. You are encouraged to view the log book when your son returns from the camp.

The classes will be supervised by Mr. Pancoust, and two Outdoor Education Instructors, also a GAP tutor. Boys should report at King's in camp dress, unless they are traveling in by train, in which case they must change at school.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Macpherson
Master i/c Ahuroa

Gear List: Year Nine : _____ Dates : As per calendar

Assemble : 8.15 am outside the Day Houses, students must go to House Meetings before departure to Ahuroa at 9:00 a.m. (Monday) Return: 2: 30 - 3.00 pm Approx. (Friday)

Pack (for overnight camp can be supplied by Ahuroa)

Sleeping Bag (pillow and pillowcase provided)

Parka (not nylon windbreaker, needs to be water-proof)

2 pairs long trousers (not Jeans)

2 pairs football shorts

2 warm shirts

2 football jersey

2 T-shirts

2 warm jerseys(woollen if possible)

Spare underwear (poly prop/woollen are the best)

4 pairs socks

Woollen hat

Swimming togs

Sandshoes or Training shoes (comfortable and with a grip)

Tramping boots, suitable footwear for extended bush walks.

Gumboots (are very useful)

Toilet gear, Towel

Torch, Pen, pencil

Sticking plasters

Watch, book, camera

Wetsuit (recommended for Kayaking) OR Polyprop shirt and longjohns

Medication e.g.. asthma inhaler, antihistamines

Chocolate bars as spare emergency energy food

Personal drink bottle

Please check that all gear is named.

We recommend that your son brings the above, but as far as possible he should make do with the gear that he already has, or that can be 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.