

## Senior Quest 2018

Hi all questers and parents

The final plans for our big adventure are now coming together and it is all very exciting. We are looking forward to sharing some great adventures together on the Quest. Our aims for the Quest are for the children to continue to develop self-reliance, have fun as a group, and strengthen friendships as we all get to know each other in different ways.

We leave school on the Monday morning, and will travel to Kondinin, staying the first night in the Kondinin hall. On Monday we head to Balladjie Rock (just North of Westonia), where we will camp for 4 nights.

This year we will be camping in tents, which will be a very exciting. Some of the experiences we are looking forward to are:

- Sitting around the campfire, enjoying looking at the stars
- Watching the sun set over the dry open woodland and salt lakes;
- Sharing quiet time by the water or atop a large rock;
- The adventure of using bush/pit type toilets;
- Conserving water and being responsible campers;
- Learning some of the history of the area;
- Exploring granite outcrops;
- Cooking our own camp food;
- Sharing the yummy evening meals
- Listening to the sounds of the bush at night while all cosy in our tents.

Our explorations will involve some hill walking and rock scrambling. The hazards are well within students' capabilities, and as with all parts of the camp, all care will be taken.

On Saturday morning we will pack up and start heading back towards school, spending that night in Kondinin again. We will arrive back at school on Sunday, where we will then be busy unpacking and cleaning the hired bus before going home with parents for a good rest!

We will have the school mobile (0427 451 185) with us for the duration of the camp, however we are quite likely to be out of range for a lot of the time and intend using the mobile in case of emergencies only. We will be keeping in touch with the school and would rather that any parental enquires during camp went through the school office, or after hours to Whitney on 9845 1215. Past experience has shown us that 'phone contact with parents during the camp can leave the children feeling sad and home-sick, and that in general it works better to leave the catching up until the end of camp.

Adults caring for your children during the quest will be Josh, Jessie, Linda and Liz. We are taking a bus towing a trailer for our kitchen set-up and supplies, and all of the other equipment and luggage will go in an enclosed trailer towed by a second bus. Luggage space will be very limited, so there are limits and restrictions on bedrolls and bags.

### Bedrolls

Your complete bedroll needs to be brought to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, so we can check its suitability. Please check with your bus drivers about whether there will be space on the buses for your bedrolls. School staff who live in Albany and Denmark should be able to help with getting

bedrolls to school, contact us to arrange this if necessary. We have previously sent home a diagram showing how to construct your bedroll. This diagram is attached again, please ask us if you have any questions.

**Luggage**

Each child will be allocated a duffle bag to borrow for quest. These will be sent home with the children the week before camp. All of your child's clothing, toiletries and shoes need to fit into this one bag. Their day packs will hold their water bottle, hat, book / games and lunch. Please do not send anything not on the 'what to bring list' but please do include what is listed. The duffle bags will need to be returned to school the week after Quest.

We are really looking forward to spending this time with your beautiful children. We are fully confident that your children are completely capable of what will be required of them during camp and anticipate everyone coming back full of pride in their achievements and growth. If you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss with us, please don't hesitate to call Josh, Liz or Linda.