

Year 10 Residential Camp

Kokako Lodge, Hunua

3rd – 5th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce our annual outdoor activities residential camp as part of the Year 10 curriculum. This year we will be visiting Kokako Lodge, Hunua during 3rd – 5th February 2025.

The camp will be led by **Mr Hamish Birkbeck** and accompanied by several Wesley College staff.

Kokako Lodge is a long-established campsite, set in beautiful surroundings close to Hunua Falls in the Hunua Ranges. I have visited the camp and wholeheartedly recommend it in terms of quality of activities and experiences for our residential trip. The purpose is for our children to enjoy the challenge of spending quality time in the outdoors as a complete year group. It is our objective for children to bond with their peers and teachers, whilst acquiring new skill sets and preparing for a successful year ahead. I am certain that they will rise to meet the new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

Specialist activities will be led by a fully qualified instructors, with Wesley College staff present and participating in each activity, alongside our children. Other non-specialist activities will be led by Wesley College staff.

Kokako Lodge website link: <https://www.kokakolodge.org.nz/>

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Departure and return times

Meet at Wesley College: **09:00** Monday 3rd February prompt for a 09:45 departure.

Return to school: **14:30** Wednesday 5th February.

We shall be travelling to Hunua by coach. On arrival to College, children will make their way to the **Rec Centre** to leave their baggage and register with their teachers. Children will wear mufti and can bring their favourite **healthy** snacks for the journey, with the usual school limitations (absolutely no nuts or seeds).

On return, children can be picked up from school after 14.30 on Wednesday.

Staff

The camp will be led by **Mr Hamish Birkbeck**, assisted and accompanied by several Wesley College staff.

Kit & Packing:

Please see attached Kit List. Please email me with any questions you might have at the address below.

Accommodation:

Children will be housed in dorm rooms which contain 6 to 8 bunk beds. Following consultation with other staff, children will be allocated to their rooms. There will be no changing or swopping of rooms, unless directed by the camp group leader.

Activities:

We will follow an exciting and challenging programme of outdoor activities from Monday afternoon to Wednesday lunchtime. To include, from:

High Ropes	Raft Building
Kayaking	Archery
Bush Walk	Climbing & Abseiling
Team games	Search & Rescue
Orienteering	Camp Show

Medication

If your child requires medication, please notify us on the consent form and hand all medication to the Group Leader for safe keeping on the morning of departure. Medication MUST be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions.

Security, Safety and Discipline

Access to the activity centre is constantly and closely monitored. The bedroom areas are only accessible to Wesley College children and staff. Children will be supervised 24 hours a day by Wesley staff. Staff bedrooms are in close proximity to children's accommodation to maintain supervision.

Clear guidelines will be given to all children as to what is expected in regard to sensible, safe and considerate behaviour in the orientation meeting on arrival at camp.

In the unlikely event that a child behaves in a way that compromises the safety or well-being of themselves or the group, they will be required to leave the camp. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, Wesley College staff will telephone the parents of the child in question and parents will be expected to collect their child from the camp at the earliest possible opportunity.

TO DO for Parents / Carers:

Please complete and **submit** the fully completed **Medical Consent Forms** and **Student Contract**. These are best completed online at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-bfjjRZFF2xg7ykPrIUDXZEJ-5RkrVKzIHWY30snEOc/edit>

Alternatively, a hard copy can be collected and handed in to the School Office.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNS:

Please return all forms as soon as possible, at the latest by **Friday 29 November 2024**

Hard copies can be handed in to Academic Mentors or Deans (or forms can be scanned and sent through to: admin@wesley.school.nz)

We are certain that the children will thoroughly enjoy this week away. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email at rjack@wesley.school.nz.

Kind regards,



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