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CAMP CHOICES 2019

YEARS 8, 9 & 10

Important dates:

Tuesday 12 February	<i>Camp Choices 2019</i> booklet released
Tuesday 12 February	Online preference survey sent to students' school email
Tuesday 26 February	Camp selection deadline for students
Friday 8 March	Camp confirmation for students via Home Class
Tuesday 26 March	<i>Camp Permission Slip</i> and <i>Medical Form</i> deadline
Tuesday 9 April	Camp week commences

Notes:

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Students,

In 2019, Years 8, 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to choose their camp based on what interests them most. We have been encouraged by the opportunities and enthusiasm of many students for this approach compared to a more traditional camping structure built around grades.

This booklet highlights the various camps on offer in 2019. All camps will take place during the **final week of Term 1 (Tuesday 9 April to Friday 12 April)**. Please note that unless specified, Monday 8 April is a normal school day for students. Please refer to specific camp information for details surrounding earlier starting dates (e.g. Yarrabah).

Places in all camps are limited. Students, in consultation with their parents, must submit their choices no later than **Tuesday 26 February (Week 5)**.

Camp choices for 2019 will be facilitated using an **online survey**. Students will receive an email to their school email account on Tuesday 12 February (Week 3). Within this email, a link and unique password will be provided, highlighting the 2019 camp options.

Once the online survey has been accessed, students are to choose from a drop-down menu. **Please note that some camps are not available to certain grades.** Please refer to the table on page 5 for further details and choose accordingly.

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Peter Pan (Test student) Yr10

Please make sure that you have read the camp booklet and discussed your preferences with your parents prior to making your selections.
You must choose 3 camps in order of preference
Please note that you may only choose the 'Not attending Camp' option if your parents have spoken with Mr. Gray.


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Subject	Units
Camp Choice 1 <input type="text" value="Yarrabah Trip1"/>	1
Total Units	1
Camp Choice 2 <input type="text" value="Yarrabah Trip2"/>	1
Camp Choice 3 <input type="text" value="Yarrabah Trip3"/>	1

Yarrabah students and those not attending camp need to fill out all three options. i.e. Yarrabah 1, Yarrabah 2, Yarrabah 3

OVERVIEW OF CAMPS

To minimise disappointment, **students must choose their top three camps in order of preference**. Please note that everything will be done to cater for each student's first preference. However, as spaces are limited, those in higher grades will have their preferences considered first.

Students will receive final confirmation of their camps via Home Class in **Week 6 of Term 1**.

The following pages provide further details of each camp to assist you and your child with choosing their 2019 camp.

Please note, once the numbers are finalised an official permission slip and 'what to bring' list will be provided by the respective Camp Leader. Information from the **Student Emergency Form**, which should have been updated by parents at the beginning of 2019 on the Parent Portal of Edumate, will be forwarded to the camp leaders. If any changes to this information have occurred, please provide details of these changes on the Portal.

Failure to update the Student Emergency Record Form will, unfortunately, result in students not being permitted to attend camp in 2019.

If you have any queries, please email nnicholson@covenant.nsw.edu.au or contact the school on (02) 8459 4200. Once the camp numbers and allocations have been finalised, please make direct contact with the respective Camp Leader listed in the table on page 5 of this booklet.

Kind regards,

Mrs Natalie Nicholson
Years 8, 9 & 10 Camps Coordinator.

Page	Camp Name	Camp Leader	Available to
7	Boys Surfing Camp	Mr Robinson	Years 8, 9, 10 – BOYS ONLY
8	Covie's Got Talent	Mrs Wiltshire	Years 8, 9, 10
9	Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze)	Mrs Nicholson	Year 9 – Closes 1 March
10	Fishing Camp	Mr Trevaskis	Years 8, 9, 10 – BOYS ONLY
11	Girls Coast to Canopy Camp	Mrs Horsley	Years 8, 9, 10 – GIRLS ONLY
12	Girls Surfing Camp	Mrs Henderson	Years 8, 9, 10 – GIRLS ONLY
13	Horse Riding & Adventure Camp	Mrs Butler	Years 8, 9, 10
14	Jungle & Water Adventure Camp	Mrs Gardner	Years 8, 9, 10
15	Masterchef in the Mountains	Mrs Staj	Years 8, 9, 10
16	Mountain Bike Beginner	Mr Youl	Years 8, 9, 10
17	Urban Camp	Mr Childs	Years 9 & 10 Only
–	Yarrabah	Mr Monin	Year 10 Only – CLOSED

NEXT STEPS FOR STUDENTS

- Read this booklet with your parents or carer. A copy of this booklet can also be found online on the school's website.
- Check your school email address for the email containing the preference survey link.
- Click on the link in the email.
- Login to EDVAL using the unique password provided in the email and **enter your top three choices**, as per the prompts, by **Tuesday 26 February 2019**.
- Wait for confirmation via Home Class as to which camp you are attending. You will be notified on Friday 8 March.
- Return your permission slip and medical form accordingly by **Tuesday 26 March 2019**.
- Enjoy your camp!

BOYS SURF CAMP

Camp Name	Boys Surf Camp
Camp Leader	Mr Luke Robinson
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Burrill Pines Motel, Ulladulla (NSW South Coast)
Transport	Mini-van
Gender	Boys only
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	20

Open to boys in Years 8, 9 and 10, this camp will be based at Burrill Pines Motel and Lagoon Point Conference Centre in Ulladulla and is for competent surfers.

Arriving via mini-van and sleeping in cabins, the focus will be on:

- building relationships amongst the small group of students
- challenging the students in their pursuit of surfing and water sports
- listening to Bible talks and participating in small groups
- learning more about what it means to be a young man in a culture that challenges manhood.

Students must have completed their swimming certificate to attend this camp. Most students in Years 9 and 10 would already have completed the swimming certificate as part of their Year 8 PDHPE program. Students in Year 8 or those in Years 9 and 10 who did not complete the course will, however, need to complete the swimming certificate prior to camp. The school will organise a time in Term 1 for this swim test to occur. Failure to complete the swim test prior to camp will result in non-attendance.

Most beaches surfed throughout the camp will not be patrolled. All teachers attending the camp are qualified surf safety coaches and will adhere to the highest of safety standards. A teacher will be in the surf and on the beach at all times. More details surrounding the safety aspect of the camp is provided in the camp letter and permission note handed out to students later in Term 1. Students are to provide their own surf equipment. Students may also bring their skateboards for a local skate park but must have protective equipment, including a helmet.

Please direct any queries to Mr Luke Robinson: lrobinson@covenant.nsw.edu.au

COVIE'S GOT TALENT

Camp Name	Covie's Got Talent (Creative Arts)
Camp Leader	Mrs Julia Wiltshire
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Covenant Christian School
Transport	Bus and Train
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	25

If you are creative and like Drama, Dance and Art then this is the camp for you. You can spend your whole time doing one of these disciplines or you can do all three.

You will need to select which workshops (Dance, Drama or Art) that you would like to do the most. This will be called your "major" workshop. You will attend the workshop for this discipline in the morning of each day of camp. In the afternoon, you can do more of the same discipline or you can choose a different discipline. The afternoon workshops are called "minor" workshops.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of camp week, the camp will be held at school. We will have a lot of fun getting creative, attending workshops, learning new skills, playing games and having devotions together. You will have dinner at school, after which you will go home to sleep. You return for the next day of camp for an 8.30am start.

On Wednesday, Dance "major" students will visit a dance/ballet performance, Drama "major" students will attend a matinee theatre production, and Art "major" students will visit the Art Gallery NSW in the city.

On Friday afternoon, there will be an exhibition and performances for visitors to attend.

If you choose this camp you will need to indicate, **at the same time**, what your "major" workshop will be by choosing **one** of the following: **Dance, Drama or Art**.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Julia Wiltshire: jwiltshire@covenant.nsw.edu.au

DUKE OF EDINBURGH (BRONZE)

Camp Name	Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze)
Camp Leader	Mrs Natalie Nicholson
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	The Collaroy Centre and Crosslands Camp Ground / Great North Walk (Northern Suburbs)
Transport	Personal Transport
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Year 9
Number of Spaces Available	20

Are you keen to get the opportunity to build stronger friendship groups? Would you like to learn to take responsibility for your own goals and choices? Would you like the opportunity to learn perseverance and overcome barriers to success? Are you keen to develop essential life skills? Would you be grateful for more time hearing God's word and having time to reflect upon it?

If yes, then the Duke of Ed Camp could be for you. This camp will offer opportunities to learn hiking essentials such as:

- navigation skills
- what you should and shouldn't take on hikes
- packing tips and tricks
- what to look for on your hike
- camp preparation.

We will meet at The Collaroy Centre where we will stay for the first two days. You will be taught all you need to know for your practice "Adventurous Journey" and given guidance on how to record your essential hike information on the Online Record Book, along with time together and team bonding. On Tuesday afternoon we head home for a good night's rest before participating in your first practice hike on the Thursday and Friday, which is centred around Crosslands Camp Ground. The hike will take you along a section of the Great North Walk near Berowra and Cowan Creek. If you are already planning on participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program this year you can use this camp as your first hike.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Natalie Nicholson: nnicholson@covenant.nsw.edu.au

FISHING CAMP

Camp Name	Fishing Camp
Camp Leader	Mr Jay Trevaskis
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Patonga (NSW Central Coast)
Transport	Mini-bus
Gender	Boys only
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	20

Fishing Camp is in its fifth year having originally launched in 2015. It is open to boys in Years 8, 9 and 10 who have a passion for fishing. This year we will be camping in tents on the Central Coast where we will have access to estuary and beach fishing.

The focus of the camp will be:

- growing relationships amongst the group of 20 students
- listening to and participating in Bible talks and small groups
- raising awareness of the students' roles as stewards of the environment and God's intricate creation
- developing the art of catching fish, scaling, cleaning and (hopefully) cooking them.

Please direct any queries to Mr Jay Trevaskis: jtrevaskis@covenant.nsw.edu.au

GIRLS COAST TO CANOPY CAMP

Camp Name	Girls Coast to Canopy Camp
Camp Leader	Mrs Katrina Horsley
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Chittick Lodge, Gerringong (NSW South Coast)
Transport	Bus
Gender	Girls only
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	50

This is a girl's-only camp which will consist of travelling to Gerringong where we will enjoy water-based activities and other adventures. We will be staying at Chittick Lodge, a small campsite located in Gerringong, just a block away from the centre of town.

The aim of this camp is to:

- build relationships amongst the girls
- provide opportunities for the girls to take on responsibility and leadership
- participate in a variety of water-based activities (students must be competent swimmers)
- learn more about our environment and undergo challenging activities
- work in group situations to participate in challenges
- have opportunities to learn about and discuss issues specific to girls, from a Biblical perspective.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Katrina Horsley: khorsley@covenant.nsw.edu.au

GIRLS SURF CAMP

Camp Name	Girls Surf Camp
Camp Leader	Mrs Stephanie Henderson
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Chittick Lodge, Gerringong (NSW South Coast)
Transport	Mini-van
Gender	Girls only
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	10

This is a girl's-only surf camp where we will enjoy water-based activities and other adventures. We will be travelling to the NSW South Coast and staying at Chittick Lodge, a small campsite located in Gerringong, just a block away from the centre of town. The aim of this camp is to:

- build relationships amongst the girls
- provide opportunities for the girls to take on responsibility and leadership
- participate in surf lessons and variety of water-based activities (students must be competent swimmers)
- listen to Bible talks and small group discussion
- have opportunities to learn about and discuss issues specific to girls, from a Biblical perspective.

Students must have completed their swimming certificate to attend this camp. Most students in Years 9 and 10 would already have completed the swimming certificate as part of their Year 8 PDHPE program. Students in Year 8 or those in Years 9 and 10 who did not complete the course will, however, need to complete the swimming certificate prior to camp. The school will organise a time in Term 1 for this swim test to occur. Failure to complete the swim test prior to camp will result in non-attendance.

Most beaches surfed throughout the camp will not be patrolled. All teachers attending the camp are qualified surf safety coaches and will adhere to the highest of safety standards. A teacher will be in the surf and on the beach at all times. Students will also be attending lessons with qualified surf coaches. More details surrounding the safety aspect of the camp is provided in the camp letter and permission note handed out to students later in Term 1. Equipment will be provided by the surf school. Please direct any queries to Mrs Stephanie Henderson: shenderson@covenant.nsw.edu.au

HORSE RIDING & ADVENTURE CAMP

Camp Name	Horse Riding & Adventure Camp
Camp Leader	Mrs Fiona Butler
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Mountains Christian College, Blackheath
Transport	Mini-Bus
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	25

The Horse Riding and Adventure camp is open to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 regardless of previous riding experience. Positive prior experiences with horses are a helpful indicator of a student's suitability for this camp.

The camp will begin on Tuesday with high-flying activities at an adventure park followed by a themed group dinner to celebrate the start of our camp. Wednesday will be spent learning horsemanship and riding at Centennial Glen in Blackheath. On Thursday, students will spend time trail riding and completing a bushwalk adventure in a surprise location. Dinner at a local restaurant, together with a movie and games night, will top off an exciting adventure. After a group challenge and a stop at the famous Leura Lolly Shop, students will return to school on Friday.

Arriving via mini-bus and sleeping at Mountains Christian College, the focus of the camp will be on:

- building relationships amongst the small group of 25 students
- working collaboratively to undertake team challenges
- challenging the students in their pursuit of horse riding and other physical activities
- developing the art of horsemanship, including catching, feeding, handling tack and saddling, preparing to ride, trotting, cantering and riding
- listening to devotions and participating in small groups
- learning more about what it means to be a young person of God within a dynamic culture that challenges teens.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Fiona Butler: fbutler@covenant.nsw.edu.au

JUNGLE & WATER ADVENTURE CAMP

Camp Name	Jungle & Water Adventure Camp
Camp Leader	Mrs Louise Gardner
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	One (1) + Three (3)
Location	Urban Jungle & Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (Homebush), then Wyee (Lake Macquarie region, NSW Central Coast)
Transport	Coach
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	80

Would you like to enjoy a great range of fun and exciting activities? Then this camp could be for you.

On day one, Tuesday, we will test our skills at the Urban Jungle (Homebush) on high and low ropes, then recover with an enjoyable swim at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (just next to Urban Jungle). We will return to school and students will spend the night at home.

On Wednesday we will board a bus for a short trip to our campsite at Wyee, where we will stay for two nights. Here we will engage in fun and challenging activities such as sailing, mud commando course, giant swing and abseiling.

We will get to build great relationships with each other and spend time sharing God's Word, praying and praising Him for the wonderful creation we'll be part of.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Louise Gardner: lgardner@covenant.nsw.edu.au

MASTERCHEF IN THE MOUNTAINS

Camp Name	Masterchef in the Mountains
Camp Leader	Mrs Jennifer Staj
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Blue Mountains & Sydney
Transport	Bus
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	30

This exciting camp is perfect for anyone with a love of the great outdoors, creating delicious menus, improving their culinary skills and serving one another.

This camp is for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. We will be leaving on Tuesday morning to go to the Blue Mountains. On the way, we will be taking part in a bread-making course at Brasserie Bread in Sydney, then will head up the mountains for some cooking competitions, ropes adventure courses and more. There will be a range of outdoor games and evening activities including a movie night, pizza night and morning devotions.

We will be staying at the Katoomba Convention Centre, Katoomba, in comfortable, self-catered dormitory accommodation.

Students will return on Friday afternoon in time for school buses.

Please direct any queries to Mrs Jennifer Staj: jstaj@covenant.nsw.edu.au

MOUNTAIN BIKE BEGINNER

Camp Name	Mountain Bike Beginner
Camp Leader	Mr David Youl
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Rydal Showground (near Lithgow NSW)
Transport	Private Car
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Years 8, 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	8

2019 will see us return to the beautiful MTB trails around Rydal (20 minutes from Lithgow) for a full camping and MTB experience. This camp is perfect for those wanting to give mountain biking a try.

We will be camping (sleeping in tents) right near the start of the trails at Rydal. There is a large network of single trails to keep us entertained for the duration of the camp. Ideally, you will have access to your own mountain bike. There are a small number of school bikes available for hire.

Students will need their own sleeping equipment such as sleeping bag and mattress and are encouraged to share tents where this is appropriate. To complete the full camping experience there will be campfires and students will be involved in the preparation and cooking of meals.

Please direct any queries to Mr David Youl: dyoul@covenant.nsw.edu.au

URBAN CAMP

Camp Name	Urban Camp
Camp Leader	Mr Mark Childs
Camp Dates	Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 April 2019
Number of Days	Four (4)
Location	Sydney city and surrounds
Transport	Public transport
Gender	Mixed
Available to	Years 9 & 10
Number of Spaces Available	30

Open to both boys and girls in Years 9 and 10, Urban Camp will have students travelling extensively throughout Sydney City and its surrounding suburbs. Each day, campers will have to find their way to various hidden locations in order to complete 'Amazing Race'-style activities. We will also engage with a number of organisations that reach out to the poor and marginalised in our community.

Urban Camp offers the opportunity to experience the diversity of our city. We will gain a deeper understanding of some of the issues facing Sydney-siders whilst appreciating the blessing it is to live in such a beautiful city.

Urban Camp will include:

- challenging our perception of homelessness
- serving others
- listening to Bible talks and participating in small groups
- learning how to navigate and enjoy the wonders of our city
- getting to know our peers in an exciting, adventurous environment.

Students will have the opportunity to test their comfort zones through a range of culturally diverse food experiences across Sydney.

Please direct any queries to Mr Mark Childs: mchilds@covenant.nsw.edu.au

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