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FOR STUDENTS

Camps are a week without homework, parents and chores. They are a week with a lot of fun activities and adventure. You never know what will happen: mud fights, elephant rides, surfing, zip lining, hanging upside down form a rope, singing around a campfire or monkeys on your head. It’s also a chance to get to know your fellow students better and learn more about them.

FOR PARENTS

Camps offer your child the chance for transformation, self -development and self-awareness in exciting and challenging environments. Camps help them see their own situation more clearly and offer them a chance to appreciate what they have in life.

Camps are a chance for your child to get to know themselves better. When placed in unfamiliar and challenging situations they are forced to learn and grow. Camps are also an opportunity for your child to get to know their peers in a different, exciting and challenging environment and it is important that your child be a part of the camp experience for their social and emotional development.

Camps are an integral part of our curriculum, personal development program and school culture. Camp is an important part of laying foundations for learning and cementing the concepts we explore in class time.

Our school camps are important in strengthening relationships within the student body and between staff and students. Our camp program is something that sets our school apart as we run interstate and overseas camps that include the entire school. The school group gets to share these experiences as a whole and as such they are important in developing a sense of community within the school.

After each camp there is a sense of solidarity, of connection and community as we have all come to understand ourselves and each other a little better.

After a week with Jon and I, there is also usually a period of exceptionally good behaviour at home, as they come to realise how good they have it with you!

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Camps

Term 1
Surf Camp
Valley Camp

Term 2
Qld Camp

Term 3
South East Asia Camp

Term 4
Road Trip

Camp Dates

Term 1
Surf Camp
Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th February (TBC)

Valley Camp
Tuesday 29th March – Thursday 31st March (TBC)

Term 2
Qld Camp
Tuesday 10th May – Friday 13th May (TBC)

Term 3
South East Asia Camp
Sunday 11th September – Saturday 17th September (TBC)

Term 4
Road Trip
Tuesday 21st November – Friday 24th November (TBC)
South East Asia
Optional - but highly recommended

The South East Asia trip is seen as a ‘rite of passage’ for JCS students. During the trip students will take greater responsibility for themselves and their possessions. The trip is the essence of ‘real life learning’. This is one of the most challenging camps we offer at JCS. It forms an integral part of our social and emotional development program and is also a fun trip and well-earned break from school (and winter) in Term Three.

The South East Asia trip is a chance for students to experience and learn about new people and places. Students will experience different culture, foods, spirituality and ways of life. As they interact with people living vastly different lives to them they are presented with learning opportunities where they must see themselves and their own situation in a different light.

As Australia becomes increasingly economically, socially, politically and culturally connected with South East Asia, this camp will also help students to develop a cultural and human understanding that will enable them to be informed, considerate and effective members of their community and wider society.

South East Asia and its countries are our closest neighbours. In the future an ability to communicate with and understand the people from these countries will give students advantages in a number of areas including business, politics and community development.

The South East Asia trip is a six day five night camp. Please be aware students will need a valid passport. JCS does not require students to be immunised and this is at the discretion of parents and students. Please refer to the DFAT website for recommendations.
Surf Camp
Compulsory

The surf camp is our introductory camp to the year. It is an important opportunity for students to get to know each other and build self-confidence.

The surf camp is centred around a number of outdoor activities that put students in new and challenging circumstances. This will teach them practical skills and help them realise their own capabilities. Activities include surfing, bushwalking, swimming, initiative activities, and sleep-outs. All activities are fully staffed by both qualified JCS staff and qualified staff hired to run individual activities.

Valley Camp
Compulsory

The Valley camp is an important part of team building and strengthening relationships in the group. Run at the end of Term 1 it is an important part of cementing relationships that have developed during the term.

The Valley camp will allow students to experience the beauty and realities of nature. It is in this natural setting that they will have the chance to learn more about themselves and discover their strengths and weaknesses. As this learning takes place in a group situation students will also be an active part of others learning and come to realise their potential to help others in their journey.

Valley camp includes a solo night. The objective of the solo is to challenge students with the solitude of their own company. Teenagers today spend almost no time out of contact with others and for them 12 hours without communication is a perceived impossibility. However in meeting this challenge they will be faced with an opportunity to understand themselves and the impact of their actions on others more clearly.

Valley camp is a three day, two night camp based at the JCS Otway Retreat. During the program students will also address other issues including self-esteem, self-knowledge and gender issues.
Queensland Camp
Compulsory

The Queensland camp, as all of our outdoor programs has critical curricular links. Students embark on a ‘Survivor’ type adventure, based on Stradbroke Island. Students are ‘marooned’ on a dessert island for three days with no phone reception, where they do not have the comforts of their home, societal and school environment to hide behind. This gives them a challenging and real life learning environment in which to explore who they are and how they fit into the group.

Activities include, bushwalking, swimming, initiative activities, team building exercises, personal development workshops, survivor tasks and sleep-outs. All activities are fully staffed by both qualified JCS staff and qualified staff hired to run individual activities. This range of educational activities will give students the opportunity to learn a greater self-confidence, motivation, initiative, self-awareness and appreciation for their lives and the people that support them.

The Queensland Trip is a four day three night camp based in Surfer’s Paradise and run to South Stradbroke Island.
Road Trip Compulsory

The Road Trip is a critical ending to the year. This four day, three night camp is a time for students to reflect on all they have learnt for the year and to celebrate their achievements. It is also important for us to celebrate and farewell our Graduating Year 12’s.

Let the Adventure begin…
I agree my child __________________________ (Full Name of Student) will participate in all JCS activities including camps and excursions. I understand that I will be charged for all camps and activities that are compulsory throughout the year. I also understand that whilst the Carnegie School aims to advise and confirm excursion and camp dates at the commencement of each term we do not guarantee these dates. Therefore to risk being charged for a camp or excursion that your child does not attend please do not make plans during term times. Unless there is a severe medical condition that affects your child and we are provided with written documentation that it is the opinion of a medical professional that they do not attend camp your child must attend all compulsory camps. Failure to provide this will result in charge for the camp.

Signature of signing Parent/Guardian

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

A camp deposit of $450 is payable at the beginning of the year. You will receive an invoice for the remainder of the payment a month before the commencement of each camp. We appreciate prompt payment.

Our camps are an integral part of our curriculum, personal development and school culture. With the exception of Thailand all camps are compulsory and it is a requirement of enrolment that students attend camps.