To the Parents/Caregivers of Year 9 Students

Year 9 students at Waimea College have the opportunity to go on a 5 day camp to Rotoiti Lodge in the Nelson Lakes National Park. The camp encourages students to develop positive social interactions and to challenge themselves mentally and physically. You can read more about the camp at [www.rotoitilodge.co.nz](http://www.rotoitilodge.co.nz).

At this point in the year your child will be aware of the Year 9 Core class that they have been placed in. This will allow you to look at the table below and find out when your child’s camp date is.

**Camp Dates**
The dates that classes will attend camp are

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<td>2nd - 6th March</td>
<td>9A, 9W and 9H</td>
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<td>18th - 22nd May</td>
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<td>Term 3 Week 8</td>
<td>7th – 11th September</td>
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<td>9th – 13th November</td>
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<td>23rd – 27th November</td>
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**Camp Fees**
The cost of the camp is $290 which does not include an activity fee for rafting. If your student wishes to take advantage of the Buller River rafting trip offered by Ultimate Descents on the Buller River this will cost an additional $100. Further information from about Ultimate Descents can be found on their website [www.rivers.co.nz](http://www.rivers.co.nz).

The camp fee needs to be paid two weeks prior to attending camp on the date shown in the table on the previous page. Please note the finance centre is open during the school holidays.

As we understand that this is a substantial amount of money to be paid, we encourage you to contact the Finance Centre on extension 815 or e-mail [accounts@waimea.school.nz](mailto:accounts@waimea.school.nz) to discuss setting up an automatic payment to cover this cost.

Families worried that financial hardship that may prevent their child attending camp are encouraged to contact Diane Chapman in the Finance Centre as early as possible in the year to discuss this.

**Other Information**
Information specific to the camp that your child will attend will be made available in the weeks leading up to the date.

Alternatively, we are more than happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have via email or during the Year 9 Parents Information evening during week 3.

Kind Regards

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