



January 2026

To the Parents/Caregivers of Year 9 Students

Year 9 students 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.

Your child will now 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:

Date	Classes	Form Return & Payment Due
Camp 1: Term 1 Week 4: 16 – 20 February	9A, 9F, 9H	9 February
Camp 2: Term 1 Week 6: 2 – 6 March	9B, 9C	13 February
Camp 3: Term 2 Week 4: 11 – 15 May	9D, 9E	24 April
Camp 4: Term 2 Week 9: 15 – 19 June	9G, 9J	29 May
Camp 5: Term 4 Week 5: 9 – 13 November	9I, 9K	23 October

Camp Fees

The cost of the camp is **\$360**, 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, this will cost an additional **\$130**. Further information about Ultimate Descents can be found on their website www.rivers.co.nz.

The camp fee needs to be paid two weeks prior to attending camp on the date shown in the table above. 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 to discuss setting up an automatic payment to cover this cost.

Families worried that financial hardship may prevent their child attending camp are encouraged to contact Kath Sangster 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 being held on Wednesday 25 February.

Kind Regards

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