



February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: 2026 YEAR 7 CAMP**

We are delighted to extend an invitation to The Gap State High School's 2026 Year 7 Camp, a significant component of our school's Applied Positive Psychology (APP) program.

The purpose of the Year 7 camp is to create a sense of belonging and foster positive relationships between students and their teachers.

Over the three days, students will gain an understanding of the school values, **Thinking Big, Stepping Up, Being Kind and Paying it Forward**, whilst participating in activities that foster teamwork and encourage students to challenge themselves.

**Camp Overview:** The Year 7 Camp is an excellent opportunity for your child to embark on a journey of personal growth and relationship building. During this camp, students will participate in a range of adventure-based experiences, including activities like raft building, high rope challenges, swimming, team initiatives, and orienteering. Students will have the chance to experience both tent camping for one night and cabin accommodations for another night. All meals will be provided and hot showers will be available during the cabin stay, while toilets will be accessible throughout the camp.

**Camp Dates:** Camp 1 – Wednesday 25 March to Friday 27 March (Week 9, Term 1)  
7:45am Drop-off (Meet at the Quad)  
3:00pm Return (Pick-up at front of school admin block)

Camp 2 – Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April (Week 10 Term 1)  
7:45am Drop-off (Meet at the Quad)  
3:00pm Return (Pick-up at front of school admin block)

Parents will be notified which Connect classes will be attending which camp in Week 3, Term 1.

**Camp Location:** Camp Somerset - 1180 Stanley Pocket Road, Crossdale, Queensland 4312

**Travel:** Travel to and from the campsite will be provided by hired coaches equipped with seat belts

**Insurance:** Please note that Education Queensland does not cover costs for students injured during school activities. Parents may wish to consider obtaining private injury insurance cover.

**Student Groupings:** To promote social interaction, students will be grouped with a mix of peers from their Connect class, as well as students from other Connect classes. This approach encourages inclusivity and helps your child form connections with a diverse range of classmates.



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Supervision: TGSHS teachers will accompany students during the camp. Additionally, the outdoor activities will be led by experienced specialist instructors from Camp Somerset, ensuring a safe and engaging experience.

Equipment: Please carefully review the attached equipment list to ensure your child is adequately prepared for the camp.

Electronic Devices: In line with our commitment to fostering social interactions and engagement, electronic devices, including phones and headphone/ear buds will not be allowed during the camp. Please make necessary pick-up arrangements in advance. In the event of any changes to pick-up circumstances during the camp, parents can contact the school office, and a message will be relayed to the student. Any electronic devices brought to camp will be temporarily confiscated in line with the Schools Electronic Equipment Policy. Confiscated items will be returned upon the students' return to school.

Forms: To secure your child's spot on the camp, please complete all attached forms and return to the school office together with payment by **Thursday 26 February 2026**.

If required, additional medical forms can be located on the school website or requested via email ([year7camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:year7camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au)).

#### **Additional forms:**

Asthma Action Plan, Allergy and Medical Action Plan, Consent to administer medication form.

It's important to note that attendance at the camp is contingent on the timely receipt of full payment and all completed forms.

Payment Information: The total cost of the camp is **\$470**, covering travel, instructor fees, equipment, accommodation and all meals. An invoice will be released to all families this week.

Payment terms are 14 days with full payment due **Thursday 26 February 2026**.  
Payment plans are available and can be requested via email: [accountsreceivable@thegapshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:accountsreceivable@thegapshs.eq.edu.au)

**Please note that students will only be able to attend camp if full payment and all completed forms have been received by the due date.** If making payment by instalment, a payment plan must be approved by the school prior to the due date. Where student resource fees are overdue, the Principal has the discretion to exclude a student from camp.



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Refunds: Please be aware that, due to the need for the school to commit substantial funds to secure camp services, refunds requested after the enrolment closing date (26 February 2026) are at the principal's discretion and necessitate a medical certificate. If a refund is granted, the amount will be less the funds already committed on behalf of the student. More details can be found at [Payment and Refund Policy](#).

If you have any questions or require further information about the camp, please feel free to reach out to either Ben Rothwell or Ivan Mort on 3511 3888, or ideally via email at [year7camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:year7camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au).

We look forward to an enriching camp experience and welcoming our new Year 7 students to The Gap State High School. This camp marks the beginning of an incredible journey, and we are excited to share it with you and your child.

Yours faithfully

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