



23 April 2025

Dear Families,

RE: YEAR 8 CAMP 2025

We are excited to extend an invitation to The Gap State High School's Year 8 Camp, a significant component of our school's Applied Positive Psychology (APP) program. The purpose of the Year 8 Camp is to provide opportunities for students to develop independence and interdependence in a supportive team environment. The 2025 Year 8 Camp is scheduled for Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 2 at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre (MOEC) (<https://maroonoec.eq.edu.au/>), near Lake Maroon.

Over the four days, students will participate in a range of adventure-based experiences including: high ropes, canoeing, aquatic activities, camp cooking, initiatives and a teambuilding night activity. Students will camp out in tents for one night, and sleep in cabins for the other two nights. All meals are provided. Hot showers will be available for the cabin night and toilets will be available throughout. MOEC has a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on their website if you have further questions about the camp.

Year 8 students will attend camp with their Connect Class as follows:

Camp 1:		8 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	Tuesday 27 May to Friday 30 May (Week 6)
Tue 27 May	7:15am	Roll class and load buses	
	8:00am	Departure	
Fri 30 May	14:00pm	Arrive back at school, pick-up by parents	
Camp 2:		8 I, J, K	Tuesday 3 June to Friday 6 June (Week 7)
Tue 3 June	7:15am	Roll class and load buses	
	8:00am	Departure	
Fri 6 June	14:00pm	Arrive back at school, pick-up by parents	

Location: The camp is at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre
123 Maroon Dam Road, Maroon QLD 4310.

Groupings: Students will experience camp grouped with a mix of students from their Connect class, and possibly some students from another Connect class.

Staff: Year 8 Connect teachers will accompany students. Specialist outdoor instructors, who are also qualified teachers, from MOEC will conduct the outdoor activities.



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Learners who flourish



Insurance: Please note that Education Queensland does not cover students injured during school activities. Parents may wish to consider obtaining private insurance for cover in the event of serious injury.

Travel: Travel to and from sites will be by hired coach, fitted with safety belts.

Equipment: See the **Essential Clothing and Equipment List** attached.

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: Camp forms are attached to this letter. If your student is interested in attending Year 8 Camp, completed camp forms and payment are due by **Friday 9 May**.

Once completed, hard copy camp forms are to be returned to the school office. Please note that photos of forms or incomplete forms will not be accepted. Hard copy forms are preferred but scanned forms may be emailed to year8camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au.

Additional forms (e.g. dietary, medical management, allergy, asthma, medication consent) will be given directly to students based on the responses in the student information form. These forms are also available from the MOEC website.

Payment: MOEC is operated by the Department of Education and Training and offers reduced prices for Queensland State Schools. The cost of the camp is **\$340.00**. This covers meals, gear and equipment, all activities, camping fees and transport to/from and within the site. If attending, this amount is to be paid to the school office, by the due date of **Friday 9 May (Week 3, Term 2)**.

Please note that students will only be placed on the camp roll if full payment and all forms have been received by the due dates.

Refunds: Please be aware that the school is not able to provide refunds if students are unable to attend camp due to illnesses. Due to the necessity for the school to commit significant funds to secure camp services, refunds after the enrolment closing date are at the principal's discretion and require a medical certificate. If a refund is approved, the amount will be less the funds committed on behalf of the student.

Students unable to attend camp are expected to attend school as usual.

If you have any questions regarding the camp, please contact either Ben Rothwell or Ivan Mort, on the school contact number 07 3511 3888, or ideally via email to year8camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au.

Yours faithfully



Anne McLauchlan
Executive Principal



Ben Rothwell
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Maroon Outdoor Education Centre

ESSENTIAL CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT LIST

Please find a copy of the program for your school at: <http://www.maroonoec.eq.edu.au/forparents.htm>

1. **CLOTHING** - Shorts, shirts, long pants, warm jumper, underwear, pyjamas, swimming togs, (winter - beanie), many pairs of socks suitable for hiking (wool or sports type socks). Enough clothes for the entire duration of the programme. It is advised not to bring expensive clothing or shoes due to the nature of the activities undertaken. **Singlets and midriff tops are unsuitable for activities at Maroon OEC.**
2. **FOOTWEAR** - at least 2 pairs of sturdy shoes/joggers that cover the foot - one pair suitable for hiking, one **old pair** to be worn for all water based activities. Casual footwear may be worn during non-activity time at the Centre. Please note: covered footwear must be worn when doing kitchen duty.
3. **PROTECTION FROM THE SUN** – All students **must have** a suitable hat and blockout cream. An old long sleeved, collared shirt and eye protection is also desirable. **Singlets and midriff tops do not provide adequate protection from the sun.**
4. **RAINCOAT** - Knee length is essential. A hood/rain hat is desirable. (Please note that a good quality raincoat will ensure the required protection whilst on campout or hiking).
5. **BEDDING** - one pair of single sheets, pillow case, sleeping bag plus light blanket in winter, and 1 pillow.
6. **INSECT REPELLENT** - Students are strongly advised to use insect repellent and/or wear a long sleeved shirt for protection against insect bites.
7. **TOILETRIES** - Towel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, washer, shampoo, personal prescribed medication, bandaids, insect repellent. **No aerosols.**
8. **WATER BOTTLE** - 2 x 2 litre water bottles (sturdy plastic soft drink bottles are suitable).
9. **SMALL TORCH** or **HEAD TORCH** and spare batteries.
10. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COOKOUT**
 - One plastic bowl and plate, one cup and one pot scrubber or steel wool, cutlery, tea towel.
 - Large plastic garbage bag for waterproofing.
11. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR CAMPOUT**
 - One plastic bowl and plate, one cup and one pot scrubber or steel wool, cutlery, tea towel.
 - Sleeping bag (Good quality required in winter).
 - Large plastic garbage bags for waterproofing (minimum of 3).
 - Length of nylon cord or strong twine (2m, optional).
 - Gaiters or sock protectors (optional).
 - Thermal clothing (Optional – winter).

(Maroon OEC will supply camping equipment including: backpack; shelter; cooking stove and pots & sleeping mat)
12. **ITEMS NOT TO BE BROUGHT ON CAMP**
 - To enable the program to be optimally beneficial mobile telephones, electronic games and music devices are not permitted by students at Maroon OEC.
 - Cameras are allowable, except those contained within a mobile phone.
 - It is not advisable to bring expensive clothing or foot wear because of the nature of the activities undertaken.
 - Aerosols and spray deodorants are not to be brought on camp. These are prone to trigger the Maroon OEC Fire Alarm system.
 - Students have no need to bring money to Maroon OEC as there is no shop.
 - Due to the harmful effects that gum can have on wildlife, students are not to bring chewing gum to Maroon OEC.
 - Students are not to bring sharp knives or cutting implements to Maroon OEC. These will be issued to students when preparing meals.
 - It is a requirement that jewellery be removed as a matter of safety for a number of activities conducted during most programmes. If jewellery is unable to be removed or suitably taped, the student will not be able to participate.
 - Singlets and midriff tops are unsuitable for outdoor activities.

Maroon Outdoor Education Centre

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

SCHOOL:.....

STUDENT'S NAME (IN FULL):

DATE OF BIRTH:

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:.....

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: (HOME) (WORK)
(MOBILE)

MEDICARE NO:..... REF NO: EXPIRY DATE:.....

PARENTAL CONSENT

I have:

- provided current medical and special dietary information for my child on the Student Information form including details of medication being taken with my consent.
- read the *Student Responsibilities'* section of the *Information for Parents* form. <https://maroonoec.eq.edu.au/planning-your-visit>

I understand that:

- students MUST NOT attend if they are unwell.
- I will be required to collect my child if they become unwell, including cold or flu like symptoms, whilst at Maroon OEC.
- I will be required to collect my child if they are unable to follow the Student Responsibilities' as outlined in the Information for Parents form.
- no refunds will be provided should my child return home before the end of the program.
- Maroon OEC programs involve a high level of physical activity, are conducted predominantly out of doors and contain activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, high ropes, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, bushwalking and camping in tents at Maroon OEC or off-site camp sites.
- it is a 30 minute drive to Maroon OEC from the nearest ambulance, doctor or hospital and in some instances, such as camping and bushwalking, the response time for medical attention may exceed 3 hours.
- the Department of Education does not have personal accident insurance cover for children/students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident while participating in the activity, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide the type/s and level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow the child/student to participate in this activity.
- the Department of Education is collecting the personal information in this form in order to:
 - obtain consent for the named child/student to participate in the named off-site activity;
 - help coordinate the off-site activity;
 - respond to any injury or medical condition that may arise during or as a result of the off-site activity; and
 - update school records where necessary.
- this information will only be accessed by authorised departmental staff. The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless we have your consent or we are required or authorised by law to do so e.g. in compliance with relevant Queensland Chief Health Officer's Directions.

I give consent for:

- my child to participate in the program.
- my child to be driven in a Maroon OEC vehicle driven by a Maroon OEC staff member.
- a tick or leech to be removed under the direction of a trained Maroon OEC staff member.
- the Principal or their representative to obtain medical attention deemed necessary.

PARENT / GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Maroon OEC STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: **Sex:** **Year:**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU COMPLETE THE MEDICAL INFORMATION FORMS ACCURATELY

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

ASTHMA	YES	NO	If YES, please complete an Asthma Management Form
ALLERGIES (other than food)	YES	NO	If YES, please complete an Allergy Management Form
DIABETES	YES	NO	If YES, please complete a Medical Management Form
EPILEPSY	YES	NO	If YES, please complete a Medical Management Form
HEART/CIRCULATION ISSUES	YES	NO	If YES, please complete a Medical Management Form

OTHER ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR YOUR CHILD:

<input type="checkbox"/> ADD / ADHD*	<input type="checkbox"/> ASD*	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression
<input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety*	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Impairment*	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep related conditions
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Phobias	<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Impairment*
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Injury *	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous Injury*	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

DETAILS OF MEDICAL ISSUES (*Leave blank if none*):

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**Please complete a Support Management Form if additional support or reasonable adjustments are required*

LIST ANY MEDICATION BEING TAKEN BY YOUR SON/DAUGHTER (*Leave blank if none*)

Drug Name	Dosage	Frequency	Condition or Doctors Instructions

** FOR ANY MEDICATION, PLEASE COMPLETE A MEDICAL MANAGEMENT FORM*

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS - List any foods not to be eaten (*Leave blank if none*):

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Indicate the reason (Check all that apply)

Anaphylaxis	Severe Reaction or Intolerance	Mild Reaction or Intolerance	Religious or Cultural	Food Preference
<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

** IF TICKED, PLEASE COMPLETE A DIETARY MANAGEMENT FORM*

SWIMMING ABILITY: Non Swimmer 25m 50m 100m

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The Gap State School High School

Year 8 Camp 2025 – Maroon OEC

PAYMENT ADVICE FORM

Due by **Friday 9 May 2025**

Please make payment on receiving the invoice for the excursion and refer to below options.

Year 8 Camp	
Student Name:	
Payment Amount:	\$340.00
•	DETE Preferred Payment Method – Bpoint Please use the CRN (Customer Reference Number) located on the bottom left hand side of the invoice. Payment can be made through the Payment Portal. This is a secure site and receipts are issued immediately. Our records are updated within 24 hours. Copies of invoices and receipts are available in your QParents Portal. Payments can also be made in QParents. BPoint Receipt Number:
•	By Phone with a Credit/Debit Card Please phone 1300 BPoint – 1300 631 073. When making a payment please have your invoice ready as you will need your CRN (Customer Reference Number) and Invoice Number. Your Receipt Number:
•	Direct Banking Payment can be made to The Gap SHS BSB. 064 174 Acct No. 00090008 Ref: Surname xxx Short ref..... Your Receipt Number:
•	In person at The Gap State High School Payment can be made by EFTPOS at the school office. Office Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 3:00pm on school days.