



April 2026

## YEAR 8 Camp 2026

Dear Families,

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 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 teambuilding night activities. 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 26 May to Friday 29 May (Week 6)

<b>Tue 26 May</b>	7:15am	Roll class and load buses
	8:00am	Departure
<b>Fri 29 May</b>	14:00pm	Arrive back at school, pick-up by parents

### Camp 2: **8 I, J, K, L** Tuesday 2 June to Friday 5 June (Week 7)

<b>Tue 2 June</b>	7:15am	Roll class and load buses
	8:00am	Departure
<b>Fri 5 June</b>	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 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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**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 are due by **Thursday 7 May (Week 3, Term 2)**.

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](mailto: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 **\$320.00**. 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 **Thursday 14 May (Week 4, 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.



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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](mailto:year8camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au).

Yours faithfully

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