



14 July 2026

RE: YEAR 9 CAMP 2026

Dear Year 9 Families

We are delighted to extend an invitation to The Gap State High School's 2026 Year 9 Camp, a significant component of our school's Applied Positive Psychology (APP) program.

Camp Details

The Year 9 camp builds on the Survival unit that each Year 9 student is completing in their APP class (either in Semester 1 or Semester 2). During the camp, students will participate in a range of adventure-based team building experiences themed around survival-based challenges.

Survival challenges include options such as navigation, camp skills, fire making, search and rescue, raft-building, team challenges, cooking on fires and shelter building.

Students will camp out in tents for the duration of the program. All meals are provided with the students assisting in the preparation and cooking of the meals using campfires and camp ovens. Hot showers and toilets will be available throughout.

Camp Dates

Wednesday 26 August to Friday 28 August 2026 (Week 7, Term 3)

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Meet: 7:00am at The Quad
Depart: 7:30am

Friday 28 August

Arrive: 3:00 pm at TGSHS (Front of school)

Location

QCCC Expeditions – (Cobb and Co 9 Mile Camping Grounds, 1484 Noosa Rd, Tandur QLD)

Travel

Travel to and from the campsite will be provided by hired coaches fitted 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

Students will choose a group of 2-5 students that they would like to be with for camp. These students can be from any connect class. Please note that these small groups may be split up if there are any behavioral concerns preceding the camp.



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Learners Who Flourish

Supervision

TGSHS teachers will accompany students during the camp. Additionally, the outdoor activities will be led by experienced specialist instructors from QCCC, 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.

Sign-up Process (Online Process)

To register your child, please complete the following three steps.

1. **Consent:** Register your child as attending or not attending Year 9 camp by **Monday 27 July**. Please sign into **QParents** and complete the online consent. If you do not have **QParents**, please request a hard copy consent form.
2. **Student Medical and Dietary Form:** Complete the survey using the link below by **Monday 27 July**. The information provided will be used to assist staff in supporting students and if necessary, responding to emergencies.

Student Medical and Dietary Form Link

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/tb2wgJzC6D>

3. **Payment:** Pay the Camp Invoice by **Thursday 30 July**.

Payment Information

The total cost of the camp is **\$430**.

This covers travel, instructor fees, equipment, accommodation, and all meals. If you would like to request a payment plan, please email accountsreceivable@thegapshs.eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

Please note that students will only be placed on the camp roll if full payment has been received and all steps above have been completed by **Thursday 30 July**. If making payment by instalment, a payment plan is required, and full payment is required prior to camp. Payments by instalment must be approved by the school prior to commencing. Where student resource fees are overdue, the principal has the discretion to exclude a student from camp.

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 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.

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 at the school contact number, 07 3511 3888, or, ideally, via email at year9camp@thegapshs.eq.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



Ben Rothwell
Head of Applied Positive Psychology



Anne McLauchlan
Executive Principal

QCCC SURVIVAL: PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST (APPENDIX B.)

Please use a Duffel Bag (Similar to a sports bag or Country Road Bag)

CAMP CLOTHING Layers - Avoid cotton where possible!	ESSENTIALS	OPTIONAL
☐ Rain Coat (strong, light & waterproof, <u>No</u> ponchos) ☐ 2 x polar Fleece or wool Jumper ☐ 3 x Shirt (1 x long sleeves for Sun Protection) ☐ 1 x pair of Thermals ☐ 3 x pair of shorts/leggings ☐ 2 x Long pants ☐ 1 x Hat ☐ 1 x Beanie (optional) ☐ Underwear ☐ 3 x pairs socks (wool) ☐ Compact towel for after any wet Act ☐ Old clothes for wet activities ☐ Shoes for water-based activities. ☐ Sturdy/worn in footwear for walking (e.g walking boots or PE trainers) ☐ Swimmers, board shorts & Rash shirt ☐ Change of clean clothes for journey home	☐ Sun hat ☐ 2 x 1L Full water bottles &/or 2L Full hydration pack ☐ Headlamp/torch and new batteries ☐ Small personal First Aid kit ☐ Any personal medication ☐ Insect repellent ☐ Sunscreen ☐ Personal hygiene (eg. Toothbrush, roll-on NOT spray deodorant) ☐ Small backpack (for carrying water and snacks to activities.)	☐ Sunglasses (with head strap) SLEEPING ☐ Sleeping bag (this is essential too!) ☐ Fitted Sheet when in Cabins ☐ Sleeping bag liner (optional) ☐ Pillow (optional) COOKING ☐ Stuff sack or old pillow case for below items ☐ Eating utensils: plate, bowl, cup, cutlery (spoon, fork and knife) or 'spork'. (NO BREAKABLE ITEMS eg ceramic) ☐ 1 x Tea towel per person
QCCC WILL SUPPLY ☐ Pack ☐ Shelter ☐ Cooking items & fuel ☐ Food and snacks ☐ Sleeping mat		

We are a nut aware camping programme. food is supplied. DO NOT endanger lives of anaphylactic persons by bringing food, particularly if containing any type of nuts!

DO NOT BRING

- Mobiles or other electronic devices: (these items take away from experiences and opportunities on camp). Schools can provide their coordinators contact details if needed.
- Makeup: as it marks and discolours helmets, packs, tents, etc. (a heavy cleaning surcharge will apply).

ATTENTION

- Items such as insect repellent and sunscreen must be inside a separate bag and carried in top of pack only! DO NOT spray or apply these inside tents. These products remove the waterproof coating from packs and tents.
- No food is to be taken into tents! When packed-up it causes damage and/or difficulty in cleaning tent, (a cleaning surcharge or replacement cost will apply).