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Year 9 Outdoor Learning Program – Kalbarri National Park

28 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to inform our Year 9 families of the exciting opportunity that is our upcoming Outdoor Learning Program (OLP), this year and for the first time, it is being conducted in Kalbarri. We will travel to Kalbarri to expand the OLP opportunities for our students, the convergence of three bioregions and unique landscape providing a rich learning environment, different to previously experienced OLP's. After considering feedback from students, parents and staff, it was identified that students were wanting and capable of greater challenges, including extra nights away. To allow such a program to be conducted, students will be randomly allocated to two separate groups and assigned a rotation. The dates of each rotation are:

Rotation 1 from Saturday 17 May to Thursday 22 May.

Rotation 2 from Saturday 24 May to Thursday 29 May.

The main objectives for the Outdoor Learning Program are to further develop:

- Self-confidence
- Self-awareness
- Strengthen relationships with fellow students and staff
- Participate in a wide range of challenging activities which they might not have previously experienced
- Develop and enhance a sense of personal achievement
- Provide opportunities to foster positive attitudes

Activities include bushwalking and bush craft skills, abseiling, climbing, camping, cooking, tenting skills, environmental appreciation, and social skill development. These activities are designed to further cultivate students' physical, mental, and social capacities.



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DEPARTURE AND RETURN:

Rotation 1

Students will meet on **Saturday 17 May** at the DLD bus bays at **5.45am**. On arrival, students will meet with their group leader, then tag their luggage and stow it in the coach.

Rotation 1 students will return to the school by **5.00pm on Thursday 22 May**.

Rotation 2

Students will meet on **Saturday 24 May** at the DLD bus bays at **5.45am**. On arrival, students will meet with their group leader, then tag their luggage and stow it in the coach.

Rotation 2 students will return to the school by **5.00pm on Thursday 29 May**.

STAFFING

Guildford Grammar School staff in attendance:

ROTATION 1

- Peter Allen
- Alex Bauman
- Emma Brown
- Jared Faint
- Craig Williamson
- Jodie Vance
- Justine Hymus (Nurse)

ROTATION 2

- Craig Naylor
- Michael Buselich
- Rory Gilman
- Holly Miller
- Thomas Hall
- James Claxon
- Kylie Eaton

Our OLP Team will be coordinating and in Kalbarri for both rotations.

- Tim Angeloni
- Jason Zauris



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PROGRAM

We partner with Otech Outdoors to facilitate and support our program, leading critical components and small expedition groups. The Year 9 OLP is an extension of past student experiences, building on knowledge and skills already gained. Students will be responsible for many key processes and group functions, including setting and breaking camp, food preparation, group safety and general cadence of each day, whilst being good ambassadors of Guildford Grammar School, living our school values.

Students will have the opportunity to deeply engage in the local environment and will spend five nights sleeping in tents at various camping spots, finishing at Camp Kalbarri where we will come together for a shared BBQ meal and a shower, before travelling home on the final day.

Activities planned for the program include:

- Hiking and camping in the Kalbarri National Park
- Murchison Gorge exploration, with an abseil entry.
- Coastal Cliff exploration
- Team building and Reflection activities on the Murchison River
- Swimming in gorge waterholes.
- Visit to the Kalbarri Skywalk and Natures Window

We expect that the students will find the program a rewarding and potentially a challenging experience. Families are encouraged to visit the following websites for further information.

<https://www.kalbarri.org.au/explore/national-park>

MEDICAL & DIETARY MATTERS

Please note:

- If you have a child with specific medical and/or dietary needs:
 - You may be asked to complete an additional Medical Advisory plan in the weeks leading up to the program. All information will be strictly confidential. We appreciate you providing as much detailed information as you can, as this will help ensure the safest and most enjoyable time for your child. We will contact you if we need additional information.



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- If your child requires daily medication, it is essential to have your local pharmacy/chemist prepare a 'blister' or 'Webster' pack indicating medication dosage, day, and time, to ensure that this can be easily managed by your child and school staff. Prescription medications, once blister packed by your pharmacist, will need to be delivered to the Senior School Medical Centre by no later than 09 May, so our Medical Team has sufficient time to correctly process medications and follow up any discrepancies in our documentation.

In the coming weeks you will receive correspondence from MCBschools (Consent 2 Go), which is our student management platform responsible for maintaining student medical and dietary information. If your child's medical details have changed, or if you are unsure, please follow the prompts to check and update details. Parents are asked to update all details by 4 April.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A parent information session will be conducted on **Wednesday 30 April at 3.30pm – 4.30pm** in the Kiernan Lecture Theatre (KLT). This session provides information on the program itself, the complexities and necessity to conduct two separate rotations and to examine the student equipment supplied by GGS and required by students. If parents are unable to attend, the presentation will become available in the days following on the Parent Hub.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please be aware that our GGS Parent Hub is active and has all the information for OLP within it. You can find the Outdoor Learning Program tab by scrolling down and by selecting the Outdoor Learning Program tab, you will then be able to select the relevant information, please find the Parent Hub [HERE](#)

GROUPINGS:

The students have been grouped after a considerable process. Initial rotation allocation is dependent on students' electives, sport requirements and School activities with further consideration and input from Heads of House and Mentors.

The groupings are appropriate for the achievement of the socialisation objectives of the OLP. **We aim to provide opportunities for students to interact with others whom they do not usually relate to**



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during normal school life. Our hope is that we continually assist students to increase friendship circles, develop positive socialisation skills and build resilience capabilities. Groups are subject to change, dependent on individual and program needs. The School, at its discretion may need to move students between rotations and groups to not be in breach of operating restrictions placed upon us in Kalbarri. Rotation allocation lists can be found at the end of this letter.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

The accepted School expectations for appropriate student behaviour apply whilst attending the Year 9 Outdoor Learning Program. The GGS Positive Behaviour Support Policy underwritten by our school values informs positive choices and expectations set by the school. We strive to establish positive relationships and use a restorative framework to support positive student behaviour.

Students need to be specifically aware of the following:

1. Students are not allowed to be out of bed at night after “lights out” without a reasonable excuse. The "lights out" instruction means all activity including talking must cease.
2. Students are required to report on time for each activity and must remain with their group for the duration of the activity. They are not allowed to move away from an activity without a staff member’s permission.
3. No student may leave the immediate area of the campsite without staff permission.
4. Separate sleeping areas will be established for male and female students. Under no circumstances will students be permitted to enter a sleeping area that has not been allocated to them by staff.
5. Students’ concern for the safety and well-being of themselves and others must always be paramount.

Any breach of the stated behavioural expectations may result in the student concerned being sent home early from the program or alternatively removal from elements of a program may be applied. In such a situation, the family would be expected to cover any additional costs incurred.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

A list of student requirements is found at the end of this letter. Please label all clothing items as this makes it much easier for us to return lost items to you.



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LUGGAGE:

All items taken to camp should fit into ONE duffel bag (students must be able to carry) or similar soft bag. A suitcase is not suitable as we do not have the luggage space.

Students should come to the School on the day of departure in their casual clothes, with their daypack packed with morning tea, lunch and a water bottle ready for the OLP.

As per Guildford Grammar Schools Fees and Charges, the Schools Outdoor Learning Program is compulsory and considered part of the holistic education offerings. Associated fees are nonrefundable as costs incurred in operating the OLP are not lessened by the absence of individual students.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Outdoor Learning team via email at outdoorlearning@ggs.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Jason Zours
Director of Outdoor Learning

Tim Angeloni
Outdoor Learning Program Coordinator



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Year 9 OLP Kalbarri: STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

To be packed into a large duffle bag or soft sports bag. Bags with a hard frame make it difficult to pack the coach and may get damaged in transit, please, no suitcases.

Choose clothing that is ok to get dirty and worn. It should be suitable for physical activity and protect from the elements. Midriiffs, singlets, anything denim, or very short shorts are not acceptable. OLP is not a fashion show.

No	Item Description	Packed
	Essential Equipment – All Participants TO Bring	
1	Backpack for day use on bus (i.e. water bottle, jumper, book, cards)	
	Morning tea & lunch for bus ride on day one. Plastic bag for rubbish	
1	Sleeping Bag with Cover – compact type is essential (dimensions must not exceed 30cm long and 20cm wide). Minimum of zero-degree temperature rated	
1	Quality rain jacket with hood – waterproof, not water-resistant . Sports spray jackets, bulky snow jackets or ponchos are not acceptable	
1	Sturdy and supportive shoes for bushwalking. Worn in (to minimise blisters) but not worn out. Hiking boots are not essential. Elastic sided work boots or canvas shoes are not acceptable for hiking with a pack.	
1	Water shoes for exploring the gorge. Crocs or Dunlop Volleys style shoes are good. Crocs (or similar) could double as lightweight campsite shoes and are best for this OLP.	
1	Bathers for swimming in the gorge or in Kalbarri – <u>no bikinis allowed</u> . One-piece bathers only, and/or quick dry shorts.	
1	COMPULSORY - Rash Vest (long sleeve preferable) for wearing over bathers.	
1	Wide-brimmed hat – GGS bucket hat is recommended- no caps allowed	
1	Head torch and at least two sets of spare batteries.	
1	Long sleeve thermal top and thermal leggings. Not cotton, wool is best. Thermals also make great expedition pyjamas.	



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1	Warm jumper – Wool or Polar fleece are best (not a cotton hoody)	
1	Tracksuit or long pants	
2	Long shorts. Quick dry is best, i.e. sports shorts. No denim. Need to be suitable for hiking and use under a climbing harness.	
3	T-Shirts, with sensible sleeves and neckline. Must be long enough to tuck in.	
1	Long-sleeved, button-up hiking shirt/fishing shirt or a business shirt with collar, long enough to tuck in. Prize for worst shirt. This is for hiking and sun protection, not for warmth. (A business shirt from your local Op-Shop is a great option)	
4	Socks and underwear. Socks should be thick and long (no anklets) to help minimise blisters i.e. Explorers	
1	Beanie	
1	Pillowcase – to stuff with spare clothes and create an expedition pillow	
1	Pen	
1	SPF30+ sunscreen (can be shared)	
1	Lip balm containing SPF (i.e. Blistex)	
1	Personal mosquito/fly repellent – small amount	
	Any personal medical requirements (i.e. asthma puffer)	
	Toothbrush and toothpaste – Other toiletries and sanitary items No aerosol cans of deodorant please.	
1	Small sports/travel towel or flannel for expedition (lightweight and quick-dry, no bigger than a tea towel)	
2	Heavy duty black plastic bags for wet/dirty clothing	
1	Bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon & mug, no glass. 1 lunch box or screw top container for lunch and other soft food items to go into and then in your pack. Reusable, not disposable.	
2	Tea towels	



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3	Tough one-litre water containers, this is not a joke, you need three (3) water bottles – 1.25ltr Soft Drink or Mt Franklin bottles are great and are cheap. No Milk, Juice, Cordial or other bottles: these will leak in your pack	
	Towel, toiletries and thongs for showering at Camp Kalbarri on the final night	
	Set of clothes for the journey back to Perth (can be left at Camp Kalbarri during week)	
Item Description		
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT		
1	Sleeping bag liner (Keeps your sleeping bag clean)	
1	Lightweight pair of shoes for campsite i.e. crocs or slip on	
1	Sunglasses	
1	Waterproof over pants	
1	Camera – must be waterproof and tough – a phone is not appropriate	
1	Playing cards or UNO cards	
Item Description		
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY GGS TO STUDENTS		
	Good quality Four Season three-person tent	
	Good quality internal frame hiking backpack	
	Sleeping mat (Welcome to bring your own compact mat if you have one)	
	Trangia cooking stoves, woks, fuel bottles and fuel	
	Specialist canyoning equipment	
	Topographic maps and compasses	
	Food and drinks for the expedition	
Item Description		
PLEASE DO NOT BRING		
	Lollies, chips, drinks etc.	
	Electronic equipment including, phones or Bluetooth speakers, Aerosol cans – they can produce asthma attacks.	



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	Mobile phones (there is no need for these, and they must not be used on camp)	
	Smart Watches – They could get easily broken	
	Make-up (it is not to be worn) or hair dryers, straighteners etc	
	Jewellery or sentimental items	



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Personal Equipment Examples

A good raincoat looks like this:



This Raincoat is made from Gore-Tex or Synapse or similar membrane and extends to mid-thigh.

A poor raincoat looks like this:



This raincoat is made of plastic or similar material.

These shoes are sturdy and acceptable.



These shoes are less supportive, OK for water activities and around camp.





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This is a quality down filled sleeping bag:



This is a poor choice Big W type synthetic sleeping bag



This is a warm fleece Jumper and a good choice.



This is a poor choice for warmth – cotton hoodie.





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A sensible broad brim hat



This is a suitable screw lid container for your bowl/lunch/dinner box.



Cheap and strong water bottle.



A sensible bucket hat



This is a suitable lid lock container for your bowl/lunch/dinner box



A commonly used water bottle





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A closed cell foam camping mat provided by GGS Self-inflating hiking mat



SIZE COMPARISON



NALGENE 320Z



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NOT COMPRESSED



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ROTATION 1

Ablett,	Hayden	WOO	Marinelli,	Sheik	FRE
Adin,	Roni	HEN	Maziarz,	Amelia	STG
Baudinette,	Lachlan	BEN	McCormack,	Annabelle	WOO
Bedell,	Brody	FRE	McKay,	Clara	FRE
Bennett,	Lily	HEN	Meredith,	Mitchell	STI
Bolt,	Lily	FRE	Mills,	Kieran	WOO
Bower,	Sebastian	FRE	Mincherton,	Heidi	WOO
Boyle,	Lara	STG	Moffitt,	Khan	BEN
Burke,	Alexander (Alex)	HEN	Munyard,	Isobel	STI
Campbell,	Bella	STG	Naisbitt,	Tate	STI
Chappell,	Trinity	FRE	Noakes,	Samuel (Sammy)	HEN
Clampett,	Leonardo	FRE	Northcott,	Michael	HEN
Clarke,	Benjamin (Ben)	WOO	Parker,	Xavier	FRE
Cousin,	Charlotte	SCH	Paynter,	Rigby	HEN
Davenport,	Hugo	BEN	Petherick,	Kate	FRE
Dayoub,	Zane	STG	Reid,	Harrison	STI
Drake-			Ross,	Emily	WOO
Brockman,	Bailey	STG	Shandley,	J'Quarn	WOO
England,	Samuel	FRE	Sharma,	Anjeesha	FRE
Ferguson,	Leo	STG	Sibbel,	Reuben	SCH
Flugge,	Scarlett	SCH	Smythe,	Zak	SCH
Garlett,	Savannah	FRE	Spanjich,	Mia	BEN
Gillman,	Angus	STG	Spencer,	Henry	STG
Griffiths,	Harrison	STI	Sutherland,	Islay	SCH
Groom,	Eamon	HAR	Taplin-		
Hadfield,	Maddison (Maddi)	WOO	Hacking,	Max	FRE
Hart,	Benjamin (Ben)	HEN	Thomas,	Xavier	HAR
Haydari,	Kaden	FRE	Tolchard,	Tate	STG
Ho,	Caitlyn	BEN	Trlin,	Emily	SCH
Holgate,	Charlie	WOO	Turton,	Xavier	STI
Induruwage,	Jenuth	STI	Unitt,	Lucas	HEN
Jain-Matthews,	Eshaan	HEN	Vogt,	Tristan	WOO
James,	Grace	STI	Whetters,	Luca	SCH
Jones,	Jake	STG	White,	Jasmine	WOO
Junk,	Pippa	HEN	Whyte,	Rachel	WOO
Kellock,	Aiden	HEN	Williams,	Alexander	HEN
Lancaster,	Luke	WOO	Williamson,	Lily	STI
Le Coultre,	Spencer	BEN	Yost,	Riley	HAR
Lee,	Charlotte	WOO			
Lee,	Marcus	STG			
Linton,	Alanna	STI			



ROTATION 2

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Allen,	Campbell	FRE	Leece,	Rory	SCH
Baldacchino,	Neave	STI	Lincoln,	Madelene	HAR
Bayley,	Grayden	STG	MacLean,	Alice	WOO
Binsaad,	Jaleia	STG	Mathwin,	Alexander	HEN
Binsted,	Noah	SCH	McCallum,	Archie	BEN
Bowling,	Mila	SCH	McCaw,	Charlotte	BEN
Bradford,	Leila	SCH	McCormick,	Scout	HAR
Bradley,	James	SCH	McGuire,	Marcus	HAR
Bushby,	Boston	BEN	Mellon,	Eli	BEN
Campbell,	Evelyn	HAR	Meyer,	Hayley	HAR
Clark,	Oliver	SCH	Morgan,	William (Will)	SCH
Cooper,	Ashley	STG	Munson,	Amelia	HEN
Coppin,	Tasharni	STG	Nannup,	Chase	FRE
Daly,	O'Hara	STI	Nokes,	Sierra	STG
Dawson,	Timothy (Tim)	STI	O'Brien,	Flynn	STI
Douglas-			O'Brien,	Liam	BEN
Galley,	Joshua	STI	Parsons,	Zenon	HAR
Edgar,	Tanzeke	HEN	Pilarczyk,	Teodor (Teo)	FRE
Eyre,	Isaiah	HEN	Plaisted,	Adia	BEN
Filgate,	Niamh	WOO	Raddock,	Lachlan	FRE
Ford,	Flynn	BEN	Rogers,	Amos	SCH
Ford,	Isla	BEN	Rossides,	Seth	HAR
Goddard,	Thomas	HAR	Sawkins,	Ivy	BEN
Godfrey,	Chloe	HEN	Scott,	Mitchell	BEN
Grayson,	Charles	HAR	Silvestri,	Xavier	HAR
Groom,	Eamon	HAR	Smith,	Bella	BEN
Hambleton,	Archer	HAR	Smoker,	Charlie	HAR
	Benjamin		Street,	Charlotte	FRE
Hart,	(Ben)	HEN	Tajic,	Benjamin	WOO
Hart,	Cooper	FRE	Tapper,	Lucia	STG
Hedditch,	Callum	BEN	Tournay,	Tegan	STG
Hill,	Sophie	HAR	Tyson,	James	WOO
Horley,	Jacob	BEN	Valli,	Baxter	WOO
Hunt,	Niamh	BEN	Whettters,	Ava	SCH
	Minh Hoang		Whittaker,	Darcy	STG
Huynh,	(Minh)	HAR	Williams,	Harvey	BEN
Isaacs,	Victor	SCH	Williamson,	Lexi	WOO
Jarvis,	Emma	HAR	Willing,	Sophie	STG
Jones,	Atticus	FRE	Wilson,	Jebediah	HEN
King,	Lylah	HAR			
Langsford,	Lewis	HEN			