



Dear Parents / Guardians

Grade 8 House Camps – February 2021

The camps will take place at three venues around the Western Cape, depending on your son's House, from **Sunday 7th to Tuesday 9th February**. Day boys go to sites in the Robertson Valley and boarders to Witzenberg Nature Reserve. The specific site will be communicated to you in due course. These camps will give boys from the different feeder schools in each House an opportunity to get to know one another. It is important that the Grade 8s of the respective Houses are well-bonded on their return as they will be participating in numerous events together throughout their time at Bishops. The camps also give the House staff and Matric leaders an opportunity to discuss the School and House ethos, culture and operations, and to get to know the new boys.

We are aware of the difficult times we live in and will take all measures necessary to keep all safe.

Please find below the necessary details for your son's preparation for the camp.

- Departure:** Please arrive at school no later than **07h15 on Sunday 7 February 2021**.
- To Pack:** Please follow the equipment list below and tick off each item as your son packs. Please mark all items carefully and don't pack anything unnecessary.
- Facilitators:** College house staff, as well as external facilitators and Matric boys, will accompany the boys on the camps.
- Pocket Money:** We will not be stopping off, so no pocket -money is necessary for the boys.
- Return:** The boys should arrive back by around **14h00 on Tuesday 9 February 2021**. A time will be confirmed and communicated to you.
- First Aid:** First aid will be provided throughout the camp process. Medical doctors are in close proximity to the different camps. First aid kits will always accompany each House group.
- Indemnity:** **Please be sure to complete the indemnity form and have your son return it to the Assistant House Director of his House by the first day of the 1st term.**

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Kit List

These are the items that you must bring to the House camp for the full process. Please pack these items into a tog bag. Please show the list to your parents but pack each item yourself. Tick off each item as you pack.

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- **Plastic plate, cup, cereal bowl, cutlery**
- A raincoat and a warm jacket or jersey
- A torch
- Long pants or tracksuit
- **Hat / Cap**
- **Sunblock**
- A water bottle
- Rough, old clothes (Do not pack unnecessary clothing.)
- Durable, outdoor shoes
- A roll of toilet paper
- Towel
- Basic toiletries
- Extra underwear, 3 T-shirts, shorts, socks
- A black refuse bag
- Any medication
- Pen or pencil
- 2 masks

The following items are NOT ALLOWED on the camp.

- Cellphones, tablets, iPods, etc.
- Clothes with any crude emblems or wording.
- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, alcohol or drugs.

Please print, sign and return the Gr 8 Camp form by email to jswift@bishops.org.za or hand in to Bishops Reception before 2nd December.