

THE GREAT ESCAPE

08-13.01.24



22nd December 2023

Dear Camper,

We are very pleased to advise you that your application to attend The GREAT ESCAPE Summer Camp from 8th-13th January 2024 has been accepted. We look forward to joining with you at Chittick Lodge, Gerringong for a week of challenges as you take part in the GREAT ESCAPE Camp. This letter will provide you with all you need to know before camp.

Ever since the days of toddlerhood and playpens most young people have been devising escape plans in their desire for freedom. Part of our world of entertainment now even includes experiences where we pay money to enter a locked room in order to then see if we can escape within a certain time. Our theme for this year taps into the desire to be released from that which entraps us as we seek freedom.

During The GREAT ESCAPE Camp you will get to take part in both physical and spiritual challenges as you examine what the Bible says about being set free. We'll explore the book of Exodus and how God displayed his love for his people by rescuing them from slavery in Egypt. God still rescues people today and the wonderful message of the gospel is that those set free from sin enjoy the greatest escape of all.

TRANSPORT, ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES

Campers will need to arrange their own transport to and from Sutherland Station. Please have an Opal Card with you to enable travel by train to Gerringong. (School Opal cards don't work in holidays!)

Monday 8th January

Please arrive at Sutherland Station at 9.30am to be checked off at Platform 2. The first meal at camp will be lunch.

Saturday 13th January

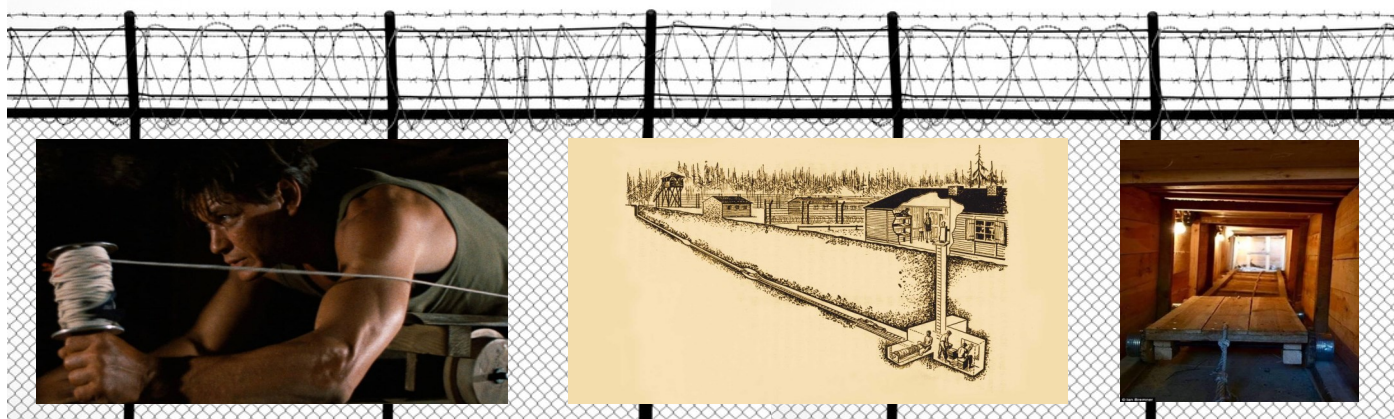
We return to Sutherland Station at 12.45pm. The last food at camp will be Breakfast.

WHAT TO BRING

You will need to bring the following equipment to The GREAT ESCAPE CAMP 2024 at Chittick Lodge:

Sleeping bag / sheets	Sun Cream (Slop)	Underwear	Long Sleeved Shirt	Warm Top
Pillow	Hat (Slap)	Sandshoes	Warm Top	Bible
Pyjamas	Sunnies (Wrap)	Socks	Face Mask	Pen
Towels (2)	Swimmers	Thongs	Labelled Drink Bottle	Hand Sanitiser
Toiletries	Shirts (lots) (Slip)	Shorts	Insect Repellent	Torch

All campers are strongly urged to bring a sun safe Rash Shirt and Board Shorts to camp.





During your time at The GREAT ESCAPE Camp 2024 there will be opportunity to partake in a few activities that will require you to bring some equipment. These are optional activities.

SNORKELLING

There are some good locations nearby for those who want to explore beneath the surface. Our Yr12 students will have a snorkelling expedition to Bushranger's Bay at the end of the week. While it's possible to share equipment, having your own will be preferable.

SURFING

There will be an opportunity for a surf on most days at Warri Beach.

TALENT SHOW - In order to boost the morale of the inmates, on one of the nights at camp we plan on having a talent show. Come prepared to show your stuff! A magic trick, a song, a skill, whatever. Think Australia's Got Talent and be willing to have a go.

Other optional things to bring: Musical instruments to entertain your fellow inmates.
Board games for interaction during free time.

Please don't bring the following: Alcohol, any smoking devices or unprescribed drugs
Lots of packets of junk food
Any equipment or resources for pranking others
Matches / lighters / fireworks

SCREEN POLICY AT CAMP

Devices with screens will not be allowed in rooms overnight.
They will be collected each evening and returned to campers in the morning.
Please contact me before camp should this be an issue.

MEDICATIONS

Please make sure any medications are clearly labelled in a snap lock bag to be looked after by our first aid officer, (Epipens and asthma puffers can be kept by the camper).

COVID SAFETY

We will have RATs at camp in case anyone begins showing symptoms of Covid. If a positive RAT occurs during camp, the person concerned will be isolated and parents will be asked to come and take them home from camp. In the case of a negative RAT, the camper will be required to wear a face mask and their symptoms will be monitored. Hand sanitiser will be available before each meal.

INFORMATION

If you need any more information regarding The GREAT ESCAPE Camp 2024 at Gerringong, please contact me on 0417 415 027. Chittick Lodge is at 21 Bridges Road, Gerringong.

Have a safe Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th January at Sutherland Station for a GREAT ESCAPE adventure of outrageous proportions.

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