

Camp David

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Before camp

What is the cancellation policy for camp?

Refund requests arising from any cancellations will be dealt with by Camp Executive on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will generally not be possible for any cancellations after final attendance numbers are provided to the venue.

Will my child get to stay with their first roommate preference?

We do our best to accommodate your child's roommate preference. This will be impacted by the number of available beds within rooms (range from 4-6 people per cabin). To ensure your child/ren are allocated with at least one friend, please ensure you place their name in while you are registering your child/ren.

During camp

How can we communicate with our kids whilst they're at camp?

We ask that all smart devices (phones, tablets) be left at home or handed in to Directors. This is to help your child remain present at camp with their friends and avoid distraction. If your child experiences anxiety or homesickness, they will be able to contact parents/carers at the discretion of the Directors and Camp Mums'.

Other information about Camp

Transport to Camp

SENIOR CAMP

Meet at the upper carpark at Melwood Oval at 12.30pm sharp, for departure to site at 1pm. Each camper will need to have their name marked off and then their bag placed into the bus. If a camper has brought any medication, this must be handed to the Camp Mum at drop off. A group of leaders will ride with the campers to the campsite, where they will be met by the rest of the team.

JUNIOR CAMP

Meet at the upper carpark at Melwood Oval at 9am sharp, for departure to the site at 9.30am. The Camp Director, Camp Mum and a small group of leaders will meet, you and your child/ren at the upper carpark of Melwood oval. They will greet you, collect at this point any medication, clarify any specific information about your child/ren and help your child/ren to get their belongings on the bus and be ready for departure to the site. A group of leaders will ride with the campers to the campsite, where they will be met by the rest of the team.

Each camper must sign in and hand to the Camp Mum any medications and wetsuits/lifejackets if you are bringing those items to camp.

Transport from Camp

Both SENIOR and JUNIOR Camps will leave Youthworks Conference Centre at 12pm. We look to arrive back at the Upper Carpark at Melwood Oval around 1.30pm.

Mobile phones

Camp David has been designated a 'No-Phone Zone'. Campers will not be able to use their phone during camp. All campers' mobile phones, tablets and other smart devices will be collected from them upon check-in for JUNIOR Campers or at SENIOR Camp on arrival. They will be returned to the camper when they check out on the last day of camp.

Contact with a camper during camp is at the discretion of the Camp Directors and Camp Mums'.

Please also refer to our '[Camp David Mobile Phone Guidelines](#)'.

Sickness

Please do not send your child to camp if they are experiencing any cold/flu symptoms or if they test positive to COVID-19. If your child cannot attend camp because of illness, please email campdavid@stdavids.com.au (Senior Camp) or kids@stdavids.com.au (Junior Camp)

Medical emergency

In the event of an emergency, the Camp Director and Camp Mums will communicate with your nominated emergency contact.

If this has changed, please provide the name and contact phone number of the person to contact in an emergency.

Medication and Medical Management Plans

Please bring your child's medication that they will need during camp in a zip-lock bag clearly labelled with their name and any instructions on it. This will be collected at check-in by the Camp Mums. Medication such as Ventolin and EpiPens must remain in the possession of campers throughout the week.

If your child has a Medical Management Plan for anaphylaxis, asthma, mental health or any other serious conditions please notify us on your camp registration form and a Camp Mum will be in contact with you about clarifications around the treatment plan before camp.

Please contact the Camp Directors if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's medical needs, before or during camp at campdavid@stdavids.com.au (Senior Camp) or kids@stdavids.com.au (Junior Camp)

Homesickness

If you are concerned that your child may feel homesick or anxious, we can provide some helpful ways to prepare your child before camp. Please reach out to the Camp Directors with your concerns at campdavid@stdavids.com.au (Senior Camp) or kids@stdavids.com.au (Junior Camp)

Accommodation

Campers will be accommodated at the Anglican Youthworks Conference Centres at Port Hacking in the Royal National Park.

Please note that while we take note of your child's roommate preferences and aim to accommodate your child with people they know, our approach is to allocate rooms by year group to help build new friendships that will last beyond camp.

Camp activities

Throughout our time away, the campers will be involved in many fun and different activities. From messy games, to running around, brain strategy and station activities which the leaders have created. Other activities may include - sport, pool time, waterslide, wakeboarding, ski-biscuiting, and canoeing. There will also be chill time activities such as board games and crafting available throughout our time away.

Theme night

Each camp has a theme for the week and this culminates in a dress up night based on the theme, on the final night of camp. Campers are encouraged to bring a fun outfit in line with the theme for this event. More details about the theme will be released closer to camp.

Programs

Camp programs for each year vary slightly depending on the requirements of camp. However, a typical day looks a little like this...

Junior Camp	Senior Camp
Breakfast	Optional – water skiing/wake boarding
Quiet time – personal time with God	Breakfast
Session – Bible talk, singing, dramas etc	Quiet time – personal time with God
Morning tea	Session – Bible talk, singing, dramas etc
Game/Activity time – for example pool time, water slides, games, team activities, ski-biscuiting, craft	Morning tea
Lunch	Game/Activity time – for example pool time, water slides, games, team activities, ski-biscuiting, craft
Discussion groups	Lunch
Afternoon tea	Discussion groups
Activity	Afternoon tea
Dinner	Free time
Night game/activity	Dinner
	Night game/activity

What to bring

- Comfortable clothes for the length of camp (keep in mind that it can be very hot or quite cool. T shirts with sleeves are preferable, not singlet tops, due to outdoor activities and for sun protection.)
- A day out backpack – a small bag which the children could carry their towel and a possible change of clothes in. Please have their NAME on the bag.
- Hat (campers cannot participate in activities without a hat)
- Bedding - sheets, pillowcase, blanket or sleeping bag (pillows are provided but if campers want to bring their own pillow they can).

- Clothes that can get wet and/or dirty. We have some games/activities where clothes might get ruined so pack some old clothes that can be thrown out afterwards.
- Swimmers and rash vest (compulsory)
- PJ's
- Two pairs of enclosed shoes - one pair that can get wet/dirty and one pair that will stay dry. For safety reasons (because of sharp objects in the water), campers need to bring one pair of shoes that they can swim in and wear at the waterfront. (Please note: thongs or crocs are not suitable for this – water shoes or an old pair of sneakers are perfect). Target and Kmart usually sell wet shoes for about \$10.
- A pair of thongs or sandals
- 2 towels – one for water activities and one for showering
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc
- A pen/pencils and a Bible (if campers have one – we have spare Bibles to lend anyone who doesn't bring one.) We have activity booklets and giveaways for campers to colour and complete.
- Costume to dress up for the last night.
- If your child has one already, it would be helpful for them to bring their own wetsuit/life jacket labelled clearly (there are plenty of life jackets available at camp if you do not have one).
- A torch (optional)

ALL CLOTHING/swim wear must be labelled

What NOT to bring

- Valuable or expensive items that may break
- Soft drinks, energy drinks or alcohol
- Any illicit substances
- Weapons of any kind

Please note: Camp David does not take responsibility for any items that are brought on camp including computers, mobile phones or any other equipment. Each camper brings this equipment at their own risk.

If a camper is found to have any prohibited items at camp, the camper will be sent home immediately.

Camper Packs

About a month out from camp, Camp Directors will email out a Camper Pack, which will include further and more detailed information about what to expect on camp, including information about camp leaders, camp themes, and finalised camp programs.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact our team and we would be happy to speak with you further. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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Junior Camp – kids@stdavids.com.au