



Year 6 Camp Proposals 2025

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you had a wonderful festive season with your families.

Year 6 is an exciting year for our students as they become the leaders of the school and begin their preparations for life after Primary. One of the highly anticipated events in Year 6 is the School Camp which presents as one of the best opportunities for students to develop resilience, confidence and independence in a supportive environment.

It has been proposed by a number of people in our parent group to explore new opportunities for the Year 6 School Camp 2025. As many of you will be aware, I have spent four years working in the Kimberley at fellow Catholic Education schools and parents have approached me to utilise this connection as an opportunity for a Kimberley based camp.

The intended purpose of the Kimberley camp is to provide students with an opportunity to;

1. Experience the unique Kimberley environment including beaches, waterways, rugged bushland, and wildlife and understand the vast differences in Western Australian geography and typography.
2. Meet First Nations students and elders with first-hand engagement in traditional cultural experiences including preparing and cooking food, music, art, language and story-telling.
3. Develop an awareness of schooling and educational experiences of children from different cultural backgrounds and advance their understanding of the First Nation history pre and post colonisation.
4. Develop an understanding of the rich culture of the Broome area influenced by immigration and the growth of the pearling industry over many years.

Kimberley Camp Proposed Itinerary

It is understood parents will want to know some of the likely activities and related accommodation locations. A proposed itinerary is outlined below:

Day 1 - Fly to Broome

- St Mary's College Broome will host
- Tour Broome
 - Gantheaume Point/dinosaur footprints
 - Jetty (fishing)/ Old jetty history
 - Dinner on Cable Beach
 - Camel ride Cable Beach

Day 2 – Overnight Stay - Sacred Heart School Beagle Bay (100km north of Broome)

- First Mission School in WA
- Visit the famous pearl shell Sacred Heart Church – include a Mass if possible
- Meet Traditional Owner/Elder – yarning (stolen generation, life on country)
- On Country trip – mud crabbing/ fishing
- School accommodation

Day 3 – Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm Discovery Tour (200km north of Broome)

- View a functioning pearl farm and history of pearling on the Dampier Peninsula
- Return to Broome – Hotel accommodation
- 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral Broome
- Dinner / World's Oldest Outdoor Picture Theatre

Day 4

- Chinatown tour – see the world's largest pearl, history of Chinatown
- Relationships Museum -history of the stolen generations
- Lunch at Roebuck Bay Adventure playground
- Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park
- Dinner/ swim
- Hotel accommodation

Day 5

- Depart Broome fly to Perth

Kimberley Camp Management and Logistics

The proposed camp will require significant planning and support from teachers, parents, local Catholic Schools, First Nations Communities and various service providers. The most suitable time for the camp is September 2025.

Preliminary discussions with the principals of the local schools, and their communities, have commenced and they are excited to host the camp and fully supportive of the proposal. In terms of service providers and related logistics these are common excursions within this age group and can be accommodated.

Given the camp proposal involves air travel, further distance from Perth, and a longer timeframe, additional teacher and parent support will be required. To ensure this requirement is met and costs are not prohibitive, the P and F has raised additional funds ensuring all students are fully supported through the entire experience.

In addition to the above, it is proposed the school in collaboration with parents, will engage in student activities prior to the camp that will assist with building their confidence and capability to fully participate in the experience.

We realise there may be further questions from parents regarding accommodation, transport, risk assessments, and the various activities and dependent on feedback further information meetings can be scheduled.

Alternative Camp - Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp

This camp has been conducted over the past few years and is held at the Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp located on the Darling Scarp alongside the picturesque Bickley Reservoir, 25 kilometres from the Perth CBD. This option is available in May 2025.

The natural bush setting provides for a range of activities which rotate over three days including;

- orienteering
- low ropes
- team games
- bush walking
- abseiling
- flying fox
- canoeing

The campers sleep in dormitories, there is a camp kitchen including catering and dining room.

Next Steps

To progress to the next stage of planning the Year 6 Camp 2025, it is requested parents/carers provide feedback on the form provided [here](#).

Your response by Friday 7 March would be greatly appreciated so that we can commence planning arrangements for the Year 6 Camp 2025.

Yours sincerely

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