

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP DETAILS FOR PARENTS



Why The Portsea Camp?

The Portsea Camp has been running children's school holiday camps for over 50 years. Our camps are second to none, with every effort being made to ensure your child has the best time of their lives.

Our staff

Supporting our regular staff are a team of police checked volunteers – people to look after children's general needs, particularly in the bunkhouses, people to run the recreation program, nurses and, whenever possible, a Doctor.

Many volunteers have been coming to the Camp for many years and are very capable people who genuinely love having fun with kids. Where particular skills are required, staff have been fully trained to exacting standards and all activities are run according to strict safety guidelines. Staff to child ratios are at least 1 : 8.

Our accommodation

Children stay in either bunkhouses or en-suite rooms. Adults are always immediately on hand. Rooms are comfortable, heated in winter and blankets and pillows are provided.

Our meals

Keeping everyone at maximum energy requires a substantial and nutritional diet. Fresh fruit and fluids are always available, salads or cooked vegetables accompany all meals.

Of course there is a balance with occasional bbqs, cakes and the like. All special diets are catered for.

Children

Children must be at least 9 and no older than 12 years of age. Preference is given to children who are disadvantaged or have special needs. By this we mean -

- country children who rarely if ever get to the beach
- children whose parent(s) have a Health Care card
- children in care
- children who have a disability
- children whose life experience or personal circumstances suggest that they would benefit greatly from having 'a break'

Children who do not meet these criteria will only be considered to enable the Camp's to run at full occupancy.

Our medical support team

Volunteer nurses are always on call. They ensure that prescribed medication is given as directed and that first aid needs are met. Parents must advise the Camp of any medical support needs, medication details and must complete an asthma management form (if applicable) and advise us of any behavioural issues. Children attending Camp will be required to hand medication to camp staff ASAP, either when boarding a bus to camp, or on arrival at the office.

Contacting your child

Children just love receiving letters and faxes. Please write to your child – Area child is from if attending as part of a group booking (RSL group)
The Portsea Camp
3704 Point Nepean Rd
Portsea 3944
Fax 03 5984 1676, or email
info@theportseacamp.com.au

To help your child write home please give them stamped, self-addressed envelopes, pen and paper.

Children do not have access to a public phone or email and it is almost impossible for us to get your child to the office when you call. Of course, you can always contact your child in an emergency and are most welcome to leave a phone message. If your child is sick, injured or keen to call home we will be in touch immediately to let you know.

Travel arrangements

Where your booking has been made through a Portsea Camp local organiser, bus transport will most probably be arranged and you will be advised of times closer to departure time. Parents bringing children directly to Camp must drop them off at 2pm on the first day and pick them up no later than 9am on the last.

Visitors

Please contact the Camp before dropping in. Anyone whose name is not on the child's booking form will not be allowed access to your child unless the person who signed the booking form has given permission for the visit to go ahead. No child will be allowed off-site with a visitor unless prior arrangements have been made.

Pocket money

Not required

Valuables

Generally best left at home. No mobile phones or electronic games please. Cheap cameras are fine but beware that they often go missing, get muddled up or get broken. Valuables can be left at the office during the day if need be.

What to bring

All clothes should preferably have your child's name on the label. A list of clothes in the child's bag will help us help them get clothes home after Camp – no guarantees though! Lost property is held for 3 weeks only with lost items returned if

you wish COD. Older clothing is fine, with perhaps one good outfit for discos.

- Pair of sheets or sleeping bag (extras if your child wets the bed)
- Pillowcase
- Underwear
- Warm jumper
- Waterproof coat
- Bathers
- T-shirts (no singlets)
- Socks
- Sturdy shoes for activities
- Slip on shoes or thongs
- Tracksuit / jeans
- Pyjamas
- Shorts
- Hat
- 2 towels
- Toiletries – toothbrush & paste, hairbrush / comb, soap & shampoo, insect repellent (roll-on only), sun screen & lip screen (15+)

Where are we

Melways Map Ref. 156 F2

www.theportseacamp.com.au (web)

Further information

For further information, costs and paperwork, contact the Camp's booking officer Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm, only.
(03) 5984 2333 (ph)
(03) 5984 1676 (fax)
info@theportseacamp.com.au (email)

Next Camp dates

September 20 th -27 th September 27 th – October 3rd 2008

