



Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education

Belmont Intermediate School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Belmont Intermediate School is delighted to confirm that the 2017 year 8 students will attend a week-long camp at Waipu Cove, which is 130 km north of Auckland at the southern end of the picturesque Bream Bay. An outdoor education programme has been developed to provide our students with the following opportunities:

- Develop self-awareness and confidence in his/her abilities
- Increase personal fitness
- Develop and practice a diverse range of skills
- Increase awareness of the environment
- Enjoy the social and personal benefits of interaction with their peers
- Develop tolerance for others and their differences
- Experience challenge and adventure
- Take calculated risks
- Develop and practice leadership.

An exciting programme has been planned with our camp providers, Bigfoot Adventures, a respected and efficient provider of camps for many schools across Auckland and the North Island. The programme includes surf lifesaving, kayaking, a coastal walk, bivouac building, caving, tubing, a survivor challenge and beach education. All students will sleep in tents for the duration of the camp.

Date

Camp 1: 6th-10th March 2017

Camp 2: 13th-17th March 2017

Cost

\$480 per student

Due: 17 February 2017

From the inception of the Waipu camp two years ago the school has been significantly subsidising the year 8 camp from reserved funds. This enabled the school to charge a considerably discounted camp fee, well below what Bigfoot Adventures has been charging us. Unfortunately, the school is no longer able to subsidise the year 8 camp to the same degree as previous years and has therefore had to increase the camp fee to \$480.

Payment options

Please pay via our Online Shop <http://www.belmontint.school.nz/onlineshop/>

We accept payment by instalments as follows:

- 2 x \$240
- 3 x \$160
- 4 x \$120

(the final payment must be paid by 17 February 2017).

Cancellation and refund policy

As the majority of the camp cost is fixed (e.g. transport, instructors, programme management, lifeguards, marquees, tables, chairs and lighting) the school is only able to refund the variable costs of the camp fee (tent site

hire and catering) of \$170. The school is required to confirm camp numbers to Bigfoot Adventures no later than two weeks before the commencement of the camp.

Cancellations and refunds will be addressed on a case by case basis. However, in general, if the school receives written notice to cancel a child's attendance, ***no later than two weeks*** before the child's allocated camp start date then a ***refund of \$170*** will be made.

Cancellations, regardless of reason, ***within two weeks of the camp start date will not be entitled to a refund*** and the full camp fee will be payable.

Yours sincerely



Nick Hill

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