



## Belmont Intermediate School

*Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education*

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Belmont Intermediate School is delighted to confirm that the 2018 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.

### **2018 Camp dates**

Camp 1: 5th-9th March 2018

Camp 2: 12th-16th March 2018

We will inform you of which camp your child will be attending in early December once we have finalised our classroom placements for 2018.

### **Parent support**

For this camp to run successfully we do require significant parental support. If you are interested in assisting with our camps please fill out the [online google form](#) and we will get in touch with you.

### **Cost**

\$480 per student

Due: 16 February 2018

Please pay the camp fee via the school's online shop which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Instalment payments can be made on the online shop using the account top up function but the total

fee of \$480 will need to be paid in full by 16 February 2018. Please contact Michelle Robson ([mrobson@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:mrobson@belmontint.school.nz)) if you would like assistance with arranging instalment payments.

### **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 faithfully

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