

2nd February 2026



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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

H2 & H3
Year 8 Camp at Orton Bradley Park
Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th February 2026

Christchurch South's Year 8 camp experiences are taking place in Term 1 this year, with a focus on team-building and personal development. This is a three-day excursion that will commence at the start of the school day on Wednesday and will conclude at the end of Friday.

We will be staying at Orton Bradley Park, hosted by Orton Bradley Outdoor Education Centre. This is located within the park grounds on Banks Peninsula, and comprises cooking facilities in a treed area, surrounded by parklands, walking tracks, a stream and the sea. Accommodation is tenting, and whilst the school has a few two-person tents, if you can provide a tent for your child to share with one or two others, please indicate on the return slip attached. There is an extra shelter for eating or gathering during inclement weather. Transport to and from Orton Bradley will be by bus, and emergency vehicles will be taken courtesy of parent helpers.

Along with reconnecting with classmates, the aims of the camp experience include:

- becoming active, skilled and safe in the outdoors
- developing further group cohesion
- fostering personal and social development through a range of adventurous as well as low-risk activities

Instructors from Adventure Specialities Trust will be providing a range of adventurous activities including hiking, coasteering, kayaking/rafting and high ropes. They are fully trained and experienced in leading these activities. They will also receive support from CSKI staff and parents when working with our students.

The cost of the camp is **\$270.00**. This includes transport, camp fees, activity instruction, food and any other associated costs. Camps can only happen if the associated costs are covered. We have appreciated parents meeting these costs in the past and hope it continues in the future. Therefore, if you haven't already made the suggested contribution of \$270.00 to cover the costs we ask that you urgently consider this.

Students need to be at school at 8.30 am on the morning they leave for camp. Buses leave at 9.00am. Students will return from camp by 2.45 pm on the final day.

More details regarding the timetable and relevant safety forms will be sent out in the following weeks – please look out for these important forms and ensure that they are filled out correctly and returned to school in a timely fashion.

Kind regards

Nick McBrearty
H2 Class Teacher

Louis Bertie
H3 Class Teacher

----- Please complete and return to school -----

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Parental Consent

I agree to my child/myself taking part in the Orton Bradley camp and have read the information given so far. I agree to their/my participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for them/me to behave responsibly.

I have paid the \$270.00 contribution to cover camp costs on Admissions Day Yes / No

I haven't yet paid the contribution to cover camp costs and intend in the following way:

- ☐ **Automatic Payment** ☐ **EftPos before February 10th**
- ☐ **Internet** (School bank account: 03-0855-0468119-01)

I will pay the contribution to cover camp costs in person in the office prior to **February 10th**

- ☐ **Pay in the office**

I have no intention of paying the \$270.00 contribution to cover camp costs:

- ☐ **No intention of paying**

Acknowledgement of Risk

I have read the camp information and I understand that there are risks associated with involvement in school EOTC events and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated. I understand that the school will identify any foreseeable risks or hazards and implement correct management procedures to eliminate, isolate, or minimise those hazards. I understand that my child will be involved in the development of safety procedures before camp commences. I will do my best to ensure that my child and I follow these procedures.

I know that I am able to ask any questions of the school about the activities my child/I will be involved in, to gain a better understanding of the risks involved. I recognise that participation in such activities is voluntary and not mandatory. My child and I both understand that they/I may withdraw from the activity if they/I feel at risk. This must be done in consultation with the person in charge.

I understand that the school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property and that it is my responsibility to check my own insurance policy.

Due to transport constraints, it may be necessary to transport some children in private vehicles. All vehicles are subject to CSKI private vehicle policy checks. Please indicate your preference below:

- ☐ Yes, my child may travel in a CSKI-approved private vehicle.
- ☐ No, I would prefer my child to travel in the school van or contracted transport only.

Student Name:_____

Room No. _____

Parent/Caregiver Name:_____

Parent/Caregiver Signature_____

Date:_____

I am able to supply a ____ person tent.

Yes / No