

2nd February 2026



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Dear Parent/Caregiver

S1 & S4 Year 7 Outdoor Education Experiences
17th, 19th and 27th February 2026

As part of our 2026 Outdoor Education Programme, the Year 7 pupils will be provided with 3 different opportunities to participate in adventurous and challenging learning experiences outside of the classroom. The aim of these experiences is primarily to foster group cohesion and trust amongst the pupils, as well as focus on two aspects of our school vision: Embracing Challenge and Building Independence.

The three trips for this year include:

Sailing at Lake Rua – An opportunity to independently sail in a boat, whilst learning safe water practices and gaining a range of experiences in, on and around water.

Navigation, Tramping & River Crossing at The Groynes – A fun, active day in a local rural setting, emphasising teamwork and co-operative activities (including using a compass and learning how to cross a river safely).

Visit to Quail Island – A local journey to Ōtamahua/Quail Island in Lyttelton Harbour, via ferry with Black Cat Cruises. An opportunity to explore the fascinating historical and geographical significance of the island, including time for track-walking and swimming.

We will need extra adults to accompany each class on these excursions, as well as a few emergency vehicles. There is no cost for extra adults to attend, just a request that you support the class teacher in general supervision and encouragement of the whole class. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved in the school community and contribute to the learning experiences of the pupils at CSKI. If you are interested, please indicate on the return slip which days you will be able to assist. We appreciate your support.

If you have any questions regarding the Outdoor Education programme, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Aaron Nixon, Extra-Curricular Co-ordinator.

Yours faithfully,

Lucy Hall
S1 Class Teacher

Nicola Flewellen
S4 Class Teacher

S1 & S4 Year 7 Outdoor Education Experiences Permission Slip
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Child's name: _____ **Room no:** _____

I give permission for my child to attend and participate in the 2026 Outdoor Education Programme with Christchurch South Karamata Intermediate.

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:

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

Parent/Caregiver's name: _____

Signature of parent/caregiver: _____

Please give details of any relevant information about your child (other than that stated in the Student Health Profile) that we may need to know prior to the Outdoor Education programme (*e.g. extreme fear of heights, travel sickness, etc.*):

Does your child require medication that needs to be taken on the days of the activities?
YES/NO

If so, please provide details: _____

Extra Adult Support:

Please indicate which activities you are willing to help with. If you are willing to provide an extra emergency vehicle on the day, please place a tick in the box next to the activity.

I can help **I can provide a car**

River Crossing The Groyne – Tuesday, 17th February

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Sailing Lake Rua – Thursday, 19th February

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Quail Island visit – Friday, 27th February

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