



YEAR 10 MITTAGUNDI EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2026

INITIAL INFORMATION Expression of Interest Now Open

ACTION REQUIRED:

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| Expressions of interest due – 5 December 2025 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Independent travel arrangements due – 20 February 2026 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Information Night – 18 February 2026 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical and Consent Forms due – 5 May 2026 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Dear Parents/Guardians and current Year 9 students,

Since 1998, St Philip's College has offered an exciting Outdoor Education expedition for Year 10 students. This eleven-day winter program to Mittagundi Outdoor Education Centre in Victoria is a particularly adventurous expedition and will be offered again in 2026. There will be two separate dates for Mittagundi in 2026.

Please read the following information carefully. Please register an Expression of Interest immediately, stating your preference, attend the Information Night/s and respond to Medical/Consent forms by the due dates.

PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING – all students should attend

An Information Night will be held on Wednesday, 18 February 2026 in The Minnamurra Hall at 6:00pm. It is **compulsory** that students attend this meeting to make themselves aware of all the requirements of the trip. Parents are also encouraged to come to this meeting in person although we have also provided an online option. A copy of the presentation will be made available on the College website.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of program preference and Frequent Flyer Number (if any) is required currently. Registration is regarded as a genuine and considered Expression of Interest; **your preference is not a guarantee.**

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

There will be an option for students to book their own flights or travel to Melbourne (unsupervised) prior to the trips beginning. Please email independent travel arrangements to outdoor.education@stphilips.nt.edu.au by Friday, 20 February 2026.

Students must commit themselves to the personal organisation required for the trips. Students should do the work, not parents. Students should manage deadlines, the submissions of forms, collection of gear, and all work required preparing for Mittagundi or Wollangarra.

MITTAGUNDI OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Mittagundi is located on an isolated property adjoining the Bogong High Plains and the township of Omeo, in Eastern Victoria, by the side of the Mitta Mitta River. It has been built and maintained by students over the past 25 years and aims to provide students with opportunities for adventure. Mittagundi has no electricity and follows a simple *pioneer* lifestyle.

The Mittagundi Winter Program is an extension of the Year 9 Endeavour Course – focusing particularly on inter- and intra-personal skills. The primary activity will be cross country skiing, but this will be combined with other activities, with an alternate program in the event of poor snow conditions. The time at Mittagundi is usually divided between a 3/4-day cross country skiing and snow-camping trip to the adjacent Bogong High Plains and helping to run the property at Mittagundi itself. This includes milking cows, baking bread, building sheds and fences, planting trees, blacksmithing, making furniture, and helping tend to the vegetable garden. It is important that students and parents understand the environment in which the program is held. It is meant to be very challenging and is particularly cold. Cross country skiing takes place in the backcountry away from resorts; there are no ski lifts. Students walk and ski with packs (see also www.mittagundi.org.au).

Mittagundi is a very popular, exciting and rewarding trip. Places will be limited to a max of 88 students. In deciding to go, students and families should consider carefully:

- Mittagundi is a demanding adventure-based expedition. It is not a *ski resort* style trip – there are no ski lifts and there is no snowboarding. Instead, it is a cross-country ski touring expedition and pioneer lifestyle experience. In the snow and mountains, students will camp in the snow, ski and walk with backpacks. At Mittagundi itself, students will prepare for their ski trips, cook, clean, feed animals, and maintain Mittagundi.
- Mittagundi is a simple lifestyle. There is no electricity and limited showers during the week. Food is simple and wholesome – there are not meat-based meals every day, and there is porridge for breakfast every morning!
- Students will be very cold and uncomfortable at Mittagundi at some stage. This is normal, but challenging – so all should be prepared appropriately by having all the appropriate gear listed on the equipment list.

MITTAGUNDI WINTER PROGRAM DATES

- **Groups 1 and 2:** Sunday, 12 July 2026 to Wednesday, 22 July 2026 (Last week of Term 2 holidays and Week 1 of Term 3)
- **Groups 3 and 4:** Thursday, 23 July 2026 to Sunday, 2 August 2026 (Week 1 and 2 of Term 3)

Please note, there will be no classes for Year 10 students Week 1 and 2 of Term 3.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Student Information Evening. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at the College by phone or email if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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