



## YEAR 12 ADVANCE AT ROSS RIVER 2021

Term 2, Week 9

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**  Medical information updated and consent on *Operoo Portal* given by Monday, 17 May

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Year 12 students,

The Year 12 Advance has been planned to occur in Term 2 of the school year from Wednesday, 23 June through to Friday, 25 June (Week 9). The aim of Advance is to provide a pleasant and constructive time for staff and students to get to know each other better, with some serious thought development on time management, study strategies, and students' goals and aspirations for their final semester. The Year 12 Advance will also focus on the student's leadership roles within the College. Heads of Houses, Year 12 teachers, and senior staff will staff the Advance, with other staff from St Philip's likely to visit.

Please note that Friday, 25 June is the last day of Term 2.

### PARTICIPATION

All Year 12 students are expected to attend the Advance. To achieve this, three precious school days have been set aside and we urge all students to use this time to their best advantage. Normal school rules will apply, particularly around SunSmart behaviours. There will be a 'Talent Quest' on the final night so please start to get your acts together in readiness as all will be involved.

### ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

The program will be held at Ross River – 85 kilometres east of Alice Springs. **Please arrive at school by 9:00am.** The buses will depart school grounds at 9:30am on the Wednesday. Students must travel on the College bus with the group as permission to drive independently will not be granted. The bus will return students to school at approximately 2:55pm on Friday. **Students are to be picked up at the front of school, not at the roundabout as this is a very busy time for school buses.**

### EQUIPMENT LIST

- Cold packed lunch for the first day
- Clothing (suitable for SunSmart practice - **no singlets**)
- Footwear suitable for activities (sneakers or other closed-toe shoes, **not thongs**)
- Broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent
- Bedding or Swag (as per instructions at briefing) – *sorry, no tents please*
- 2x 1L water bottles and filled with water (these can be refilled out there, but there is only bore water for drinking)
- Pen and writing materials (very important)
- Torch and spare batteries
- Swimmers (suitable for SunSmart practice)
- Toiletries
- Cutlery (plate, bowl, cup and spoon)
- Optional: fly net
- Optional: musical instrument

Please ensure all medical information is updated and consent is given on the *Operoo Portal* by Monday, 17 May. If you have any questions or concerns about the Advance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Yours sincerely

**David Atkins**  
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