The 2011 Grade 7 Camp was held at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell from Wednesday 23rd March to Friday 25th March and was a great success. I would like to thank all the staff who attended. They all worked tirelessly to ensure that it ran smoothly and the students had an enjoyable time, regardless of the inclement weather conditions. A big thank you to the Grade 7 Home Room teachers – Ms Balfe, Mr McLeod, Mr Waiss and Ms Wilkins who had extra responsibilities. Thank you to Mr Conolan, Mr Hoggart, Mr Mills, Ms O’Neill, Ms Saville, Mr Shanahan and Ms Smith, who, along with the Home Room teachers, ran various activities. I would like to make special mention of Mr McLeod and Ms Wilkins who organised and ran bingo and Majority Rules on Wednesday night. They put considerable time and effort into this night and should be congratulated on their efforts. Thank you to Mr. Deayton for driving up on Thursday and giving the teachers an earlier night than we had on Wednesday!

I would like to particularly thank Michael Hangan who was a fantastic asset, he not only ran his own spirituality activity, but also took three groups for meditation on Thursday night. The camp was also enriched by the attendance of five Grade 10 students who showed initiative and were hard working. I would like to congratulate Jack Dimsey, Drania John, Leah Kelly, Lola Page and Alexia Williamson. Finally, I would like to thank the Grade 7’s for their participation and involvement in the activities offered.

Ms Karen Pape - Grade 7 Co-ordinator

THIS IS WHAT THE GRADE 7’S HAD TO SAY ABOUT CAMP:

On the 23rd of March all of Grade 7’s and five Grade 10’s went on camp to Port Sorell. The main reason we went was to get the opportunity to meet different people. We left at 9:30 am on Wednesday and arrived back in Hobart on Friday at 3pm. I’m sure during that time, everyone got some memories. Lauren Norton

One of my favourite activities was swimming at the beach. Mr Mills, Mr Shanahan and Ms O’Neill took us there. When we got there the water was out very, very far. We were all splashing around in the water, it was heaps of fun. I made great new friends that I will remember for the rest of my life. Georgia Bowerman

When we got to camp I had outdoor education which was so much fun. We got to ride a bike around the oval. Hannah Kaufman
To me the best activity was the outdoor education because it was all about team work and having fun, it wasn’t a race or anything, and it was all about having fun. The Thursday night activities were also great, especially the meditation. I would like to thank Mr Hangan for making the meditation a very peaceful and quiet session for us to meditate and reflect on the day and what we need to improve. *Ngɔr Makuach*

I thought that the food was really nice, especially the lasagna and wedges. The meat was also quite nice and so were the vegetables. *Sam Leszczyński*

I loved the meditation because it was so relaxing and calming. The music was really relaxing and I nearly fell asleep. I didn’t think about everything I just lay down and listened to the music. I thought it was great, especially because it was a night time activity. Camp Banksia was lovely, it had flowers, trees and a big pond in the middle. The hall was a great place because it was so big and could fit a lot of people in it. *Kira Ralph*

On Thursday night my favourite activity was the beach walk. I liked it because it was really interesting learning about the stars and the patterns they form. The games were really fun. I really enjoyed Majority Rules because we had to work together in our groups. Our team name was *Team Team*. It was fun when our team came third. *Laura Evans*

I loved the Majority Rules game, it was awesome. *Mackenzie Stolp*

The camp was a good experience for all of us. We made new friends and more. *Josh Lynch*

The bus trips were great fun. I liked the bus trip back when Miss Wilkins started to talk and she was so funny. *Grace Lawless*

One of my favourite activities was sport. For sport we were supposed to do tennis but because it was raining we did volleyball in the gym. On Mr Waiss’ team was 7 Gold and on Puk’s team was 7 Blue. Puk’s team won the first set 21-19, and then we played a second set. Volleyball was very fun, although Puk’s team cheated a bit. *Hollie Moore*

At the camp we had many activities; I think I speak for all Grade 7’s when I say that we enjoyed Outdoor Education. We practiced abselling, we made some Milo, and everyone’s favourite, kayaking. Some people also got a chance to have a ride on a bike, which for some people, I heard, was a new experience. *Cameron Kue*

Camp was cool, I really appreciated it. I would like to thank all of the teachers and parents. I had fun and I hope they did as well. *Innocent Fadja*