February 7, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: 2014 Grade 7 Outdoor Education Experience:

Doyle House: Tuesday February 25 to Wednesday February 26

Joyce House: Tuesday March 4 to Wednesday March 5

Dwyer House: Tuesday March 11 to Wednesday March 12

Hessian House: Tuesday March 18 to Wednesday March 19

As a part of your son’s introduction to St Virgil’s, he will be undertaking an overnight experience at the College’s Cliftonvale Outdoor Education site, (about 12km past Dysart). This amazing venue allows staff to provide boys with a broad range of exhilarating opportunities. The primary focus is to help the boys develop, forge, and enhance relationships with their new House mates in an exciting and different set of surroundings.

House groups will be departing from, and returning to the Austins Ferry campus in time for all of the regular school buses.

Activities that the boys will be offered include bushwalking and navigation, abseiling, bush skills and cooking, kayaking, low ropes challenge and mountain biking. All of these activities will be conducted in small groups and led by appropriately qualified and experienced staff. Additionally there will be a number of games and activities being led by members of the Grade 10 Leadership group.

Please ensure that the attached medical/consent form is correctly filled out and returned to your son’s Pastoral Care Teacher. Please also make sure that your son brings all of the items listed on the attached gear list.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact staff at the College.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Steve Aitken, Mr Simon Harder and Mr Rosco Aulich

St Virgil’s College Outdoor Education Team