HANDY HINTS for Packing for Camps: Yr 8 and Yr 10 Signo

Some Handy Packing Tips

1. **Pack your own gear** so that you know what you have taken and where it is.

2. Have the **Equipment List beside you** as you pack and check that you have everything.

3. **Mark as many items** as you can with your name.

4. **Think small and pack light**! What you bring you will have to carry in a drum!

5. In addition to your own gear you will need to carry the following:
   - A tent or cooking utensils [provided by Camp staff]
   - Two water bottles full
   - A sleeping mat [provided by camp staff]
   - Some of your group’s food for 3 days [provided by camp staff]

6. Leave your **non essentials** including your clothes for the last day in your carry all bag at the camp or on the bus.

7. Bring a large **draw tight garden bag** to line your backpack [good brand is Multix garden bags size 120cm x 80cm]

8. Double water proof your **sleeping gear** [clothes and sleeping bag – we will show you how to do the sleeping bag]

9. Practice rolling up your **sleeping bag** at home – the practice will save you and us a lot of heartache !!

10. **Rubber bands** are a good idea to make a tight package of your clothes;

11. A good idea for **waterproofing** your gear is to use resealable “zip lock” bags eg
    - 27 x 33 cm Hercules Resealable bags for larger items like a jumper
    - 22 x 22 cm Hercules Resealable bags for underwear
    - 15 x 10 cm Hercules Resealable bags for 1st aid and Toiletries

12. **Towel:** Use an old one and if you are able, cut it in half. Also doubles as a pillow

12. **Soap and Shampoo:** Obtain some very small plastic bottles and pour in Shower gel for soap and shampoo - if you really need it – no showers for 1st 2 nights for some !

13. YR 8 camp only: Keep **items you will need regularly** in your small backpack: water, trail mix, sunscreen, 1st Aid, whistle

14. BYO Coles or **Woolies plastic bags** for wet or dirty items and if needed, for socks [we’ll show you how to keep your socks dry even if your shoes are wet !!]

15. **Jumpers** : make sure one fits under the other – no sense in having 2 bulky ones

16. **BE VERY CAREFUL AT THE END OF THE CAMP NOT TO THROW OUT GARBAGE BAGS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY CONTAIN RUBBISH-** they might contain dirty or wet clothes!