Albert Park College Parents’ Group
Foundation Families’ Camp
13 & 14 November 2010

What
A weekend away with other families, camping or in a cabin, in the beautiful Yarra Valley an hour from home.

Why
To help our kids through their transition to their new school. So school families can get to know one another. Because it’s fun going to nice places with the kids, and it’s fun meeting new people.

Where
Badger Creek Holiday Park, 419 Don Road, Healesville, 5962 4328
www.badgercreekholidays.com.au

When
Saturday 13 November & Sunday 14 November 2010

Badger Creek
Badger Creek Park is a convenient 70km from the city, set in a forest of huge eucalypts, with excellent facilities.

Unusually, the Park has an open campfire so we’ll have a focal point as a group. Free, covered, gas and wood-burning barbecues and picnic tables are nearby beside the creek. The Park has great amenities, with two tennis courts, a seven-hole golf course, a solar heated in-ground swimming pool, a games room, and a huge bouncy cushion. The creek, running straight out of Melbourne’s pristine catchment forest, is great for exploring. To make camping more comfortable, there is an inside campers' kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave, gas hotplates and stove, and a laundry with washers and dryers. For non-campers, there are cabins for rent (if you’re quick).

Healesville Sanctuary is nearby, and the town itself has the Beechworth Bakery, a boutique brewery, great food and lots of other attractions. It’s impossible to not have fun.

How to Book
2. Call the Park on 5962 4328 and book your accommodation
3. Send a courtesy email to apc.parents@gmail.com so we can inform people of the numbers expected

Context
Many schools arrange a formal school camp for new students, often held late in the year preceding new students’ arrival, for the purpose of assisting students through their school transition and to help them settle in with their new peers. In addition, a parent community which knows one another will make for a stronger, safer school, and a fun weekend away is a great way to meet. As Albert Park College is not yet open, foundation parents are taking the lead in this initiative, and invite all to come along.

Disclaimer: The Healesville weekend away is a community activity. It is not arranged by the staff of Albert Park College or the education department. The concept is simple; each family will take responsibility for all its own affairs, including its accommodation, food and activities.

Albert Park College Parents’ Group is an unincorporated network of parents keen to contribute to the wellbeing of the school community and to encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children. We want the school and its students get off to a good start. You may contact Gillian Coult (a parent) at apc.parents@gmail.com or on 9645 4363.