

JFHS Crossroads Course

To meet the requirements of the Preliminary course, all Year 11 students must undertake the MANDATORY Crossroads Program as implemented by BOSTES (Board of Studies and Educational Standards www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) to be eligible to continue on to the HSC course.

The Crossroads course is a 25 hour course designed to supplement the knowledge and skills developed through the Year 7-10 PDHPE syllabus. The strands which are addressed include Personal Identity, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, Sexuality and Sexual Health, Drugs and Alcohol and Safe Travel.

This course will be delivered by James Fallon High School through a compulsory Year 11 camp to be held at the Ibis Lake Hume Resort on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of Term 3. Students will need to attend the camp to meet the requirements to be able to proceed on to the HSC course. Please be advised that student work or sporting commitments will not be accepted as a reason not to attend the camp. Notice of this camp is given at the beginning of the year to ensure these dates are kept clear of any other commitments.

Each year the camp structure varies due the availability of outside agencies in presenting information seminars. In past years students have had access to specialised information on domestic violence, effects of drug use, stress management, sexuality, sexual health and personal safety from various agencies such as NSW Police, Gateway Health, Counsellors, Headspace and Emergency Department workers. The knowledge and skills imparted ensure our students walk away with a greater sense of personal identity and resilience to face the challenges youth experience in today's society.

The approximate cost of the camp is \$175 (however this amount does not include food as students are responsible for supplying and preparing their own meals). The \$175 fee will be invoiced to your school fees and can be paid at any time leading up to the camp. Be aware this cost is subject to change depending upon the nature of our guest speakers. Notice will be given as soon as possible if changes occur.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Carissa Furze at the school on 60251688.