Dear Parent/Guardian,

Western Port Secondary College is excited to inform students and parents that their application has been accepted for students to attend the prestigious Alpine school for Student Leadership in term 2 2017. We are pleased to offer 6 students (3 male and 3 female) this opportunity to attend the residential education experience focusing on personal development and team learning projects.

At this stage of the selection process we are looking for ‘expression of interest’ from students and their parents for participation in the Alpine School program for term 2 2017. The College is looking to select 6 motivated students to participate where the students selected will be spending the entire 9 weeks at the Alpine School. During this time students will partake in an alternative education program focusing on developing teamwork, independent and leadership skills through group and outdoor activities. The program has a large practical skill requirement with example activities involving, overnight expeditions, bushwalking, mountain biking, and canoeing.

The program is fully residential and caters for up to 48 students. Throughout the 9 week period students have minimal direct contact with families, however they are encouraged to email, and send letters. There is also a family visiting weekend scheduled during the program. Accommodation is in double rooms in single sex accommodation wings. The staff team consists of 16 highly trained and experienced professionals. This includes 10 teachers, a full time counsellor and a full time business manager. The whole team provides expertise in the fields of student pastoral care, leadership, outdoor education, personal and physical development as well as student management and welfare ensuring a caring and secure environment, ongoing curriculum innovation and a dynamic program.

This is a unique opportunity for 2017 Year 9 students at Western Port Secondary College. We require both parent/guardian and student to complete the ‘expression of interest form’ and return to Mr Aldham by Friday 9th September.

Further information and details of the student selection process will be provided to those families who complete the expression of interest. I strongly advise that if your child is interested in attending then you need to discuss the matter in detail with them. More information can be found on the Alpine School website [http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/](http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/) or contact Mr Aldham to ask further questions.

To support students with the costs involved with the program, the college will work with successful students to raise money and subsidize some of these costs.

Andrew Aldham
Year 8 Learning Level Leader

Michael Devine
Principal

Alpine School Expression of Interest 2017

I would like to nominate my son/daughter ________________ to be considered for the Alpine School Gnurad-Gundidj Campus in term 2 2017. I understand that there is a selection process and cost of $1050 required to confirm their place in this Leadership Program.

Parent Name: ___________________________ Parent Signature: ___________________________