

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **1. Is it safe?**

An endeavour of this nature and size is not 100% safe but ensuring that every feasible precaution is put in place and experts employed where they are required, such as canoeing down a river, will be the College's priority.

### **2. Is this the right age to be doing it?**

Absolutely. This is a year full of difficult transformations for learners. It is a critical period of your child's transition into young adulthood.

### **3. What about missing so much school?**

It cannot go ahead unless there is a commitment from College staff to still meet the academic requirements and complete the syllabus for the year.

### **4. Why so long?**

There is a need for an extended period to develop independence, practical skills and allow for complete transformation and outdoor experience, rather than a fleeting and superficial one.

### **5. What will my child gain from this?**

Your child will go on the Odyssey as a teenager and come back as a young adult. For more outcomes of the Odyssey please refer to ODYSSEY OUTCOMES.

### **6. Who will accompany the learners?**

Ideally a member of College staff and another young adult will join each group.

### **7. How do I communicate with my child?**

In writing. There will be a postal service that will drop and collect letters at least once a week.

### **8. Can I visit my child out there?**

We are preparing your child to be independent, make decisions, take responsibility etc. therefore, no; you cannot visit him/her.

### **9. Can I send my child something if he/she asks for it?**

A thorough kit list will be provided months in advance. Your child will be responsible for having everything he/she needs. So, no.

### **10. Is there enough water?**

Routes have been specifically chosen with safety and the availability of water in mind. The bases all have more than adequate water supplies.