



# KAYAK EXPEDITION 2008

## GRADE 9 SOLO CONSENT FORM

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Grade nine students have the option of going out on a solo camp on the evening of Monday, June 13th. On the solo, students spend an extended period of time *completely* on their own. On Monday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup>, participating grade nine students will set up their own campsites approximately 200 metres apart along a trail leading out from Halkett Bay on Gambier Island. All the students will be equipped with a tarp and sufficient line to fashion a makeshift tent, their sleeping bags, some emergency equipment, water and a small amount of food. They will sleep alone overnight and return to base camp the morning of June 17<sup>th</sup> for breakfast. A staff member will be camped on each end of the trail, and will unobtrusively check up on the students throughout the experience. If students want to come off the solo, he or she simply walks up or down the trail to a staff tent.

The purpose of the solo experience is twofold. First, it offers the grade nine students one final challenge—spending an entire night alone in the forest. Secondly, and more importantly, it gives the grade nine students time to take stock, to contemplate some of what they experienced over the last several years at IPS and some of what they are likely to encounter in the future. Participating students will be given a letter and special instructions from Michael to guide them in their contemplation.

No student is required to go out on a solo, but we strongly encourage every student to try the experience. They will find it rewarding and memorable.

**Students who want to go out on a solo must have their parents sign the consent below and return this form by Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

I have read the information and have a clear idea of what is involved in the Solo experience.

I/We hereby give full and informed consent for our child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the solo camping experience on June 16, 2008. I understand that my son/daughter will spend the night alone in the forest and will be without direct supervision for 10-14 hours.

Parent/Guardian name (BLOCK CAPITALS): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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