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## 2018 Philosophy Camp (10<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> July)

An initiative of the Holy Family Education Centre,  
under the auspices of the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter



*“A wise man ... built his house upon a rock, and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded on a rock.”*

—St Matthew 7: 24-25

These July school holidays, all high school and upper-primary school students, with an enquiring mind and eager to learn, are invited to join seminarians from the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP) for the “2018 Philosophy Camp”.

In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, the seminarians will open up the awesome wisdom of St Thomas Aquinas to young minds—leading them from a knowledge of the material universe, to a knowledge, love and praise of the God who fashioned it and holds it in existence.

The aim of this Camp is to equip participants with a right understanding of fundamental philosophical terms and distinctions, providing them with the bedrock upon which a strong and firmly-grounded Faith in the Gospel may be built.

A solid foundation in the moderate realist philosophy of St Thomas will also prove to be a defence against the confusing currents of strange ideas very much present in our modern, and increasingly secular, world. For good reason then, is St Thomas’ philosophical methodology so highly prized and consistently praised by the Church.

As all knowledge and wisdom is vain unless it leads us to grow in love of God and neighbour, prayer and attendance at Holy Mass will also be a focal point of the Camp. The seminarians will strive to enlighten campers to the reasons behind liturgical actions and they will also discuss the role of religious vocations in the life of the Church and one’s pursuit for true happiness.

A feature of the Camp will also be frequent team-building activities as well as daily group sport and recreation. These will culminate in a group challenge on the final day of Camp, where teams (aided with their knowledge learned at Camp) will tackle an obstacle course, and compete for the coveted “Philosophers’ Cup”!

N.B.: To encourage a positive atmosphere at Camp, parents are requested only to enrol children who are willing and eager to participate.

The chaplain for this Camp is Fr Duncan Wong FSSP.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Camp director, Mr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP, should you have any queries: Email – [tsofatzis@olgseminary.org](mailto:tsofatzis@olgseminary.org); Phone (from June 1<sup>st</sup>) – 0434 146 311.



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## Camp Information

**When:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July (School Holidays)

**Ages:** School Grades 5 – 12 (to be taught in 3 groups)

**Time:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Venue:**

<u>Children to be dropped-off at:</u>	<u>Children to be picked-up from:</u>
Maternal Heart of Mary Church (courtyard) Charles O'Neill Way, Off Thomas Street, Lewisham, NSW 2049	The John Berne School At the end of Charles O'Neill Way, Off Thomas Street, Lewisham, NSW 2049

**Cost:** \$50 /child; \$125 /family of 3+ (No one will be turned away for financial reasons)

**Meals:** The above cost includes meals (morning-tea, lunch & afternoon-tea) which will be provided by the Camp. Please indicate any special dietary requirements or allergies of your child (children) on the relevant section of the registration form.

### Daily Schedule (Tentative)

<u>Tuesday – Thursday</u>			
7:30 am	Registration / Info. Desk Open	1:00 pm	Group Sport / Recreation
8:00 am	Camp begins with Holy Mass	2:00 pm	Liturgy Talk
9:00 am	Introductory Talk	2:30 pm	Holy Half-Hour
9:15 am	Group Games	3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
10:00 am	Session 1 - Philosophy	3:15 pm	Science Show / Presentation
10:45 am	Morning Tea	3:45 pm	Session 3 – Philosophy
11:00 am	Session 2 – Philosophy	4:30 pm	Group Activities
11:45 am	Group Activities	4:50 pm	Group Assembly
12:30 pm	Lunch	5:00 pm	Camp Ends for Day

<u>Friday</u>			
8:00 am	Group Assembly	1:30 pm	Vocations Presentation
8:30 am	Final Session - Philosophy	2:45 pm	Liturgy Talk
9:15 am	Group Revision	3:00 pm	Solemn Sung Mass
9:45 am	Rapid Fire Philosophy Quiz	4:15 pm	Afternoon Tea
10:15 am	Morning Tea	4:30 pm	Assembly & Award Ceremony
10:30 am	“Philosophers’ Cup” Challenge	5:00 pm	End of Camp
12:30 pm	Lunch		



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## Registration

To register, please complete the registration forms (found following) and send with payment to:

<u>Post:</u>	<u>E-Mail:</u>
2018 Philosophy Camp The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter PO Box 917 Petersham, NSW 2049	Mr Noel Soares FSSP (Camp Treasurer) <a href="mailto:nsoares@olgseminary.org">nsoares@olgseminary.org</a>

### Please note:

- Cheques may be made payable to “The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP) Australia”.
- Payment by cash or cheque may be made on the first morning of Camp for those who send their registration forms in via e-mail.
- Please send registration forms *only* to the above mailing (or e-mail) address, postmarked no later than **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. We will send a notification of acceptance by e-mail.

Any queries pertaining to registrations may be directed to Mr Noel Soares FSSP at the email address listed above.

## Further Information

<u>What to bring (essentials):</u>	<u>What not to bring:</u>
- Writing book with pen or pencil	- Electronic Devices
- Hat and water-bottle	- Personal Food (unless to be shared)
- Clothing and shoes suitable for outdoor sport and recreational activities.	

**Travel:** Campers are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Camp each day (as well as accommodation during the Camp).

**Sign-in and sign-out:** Parents / guardians are to sign-in campers upon arrival each morning, and sign-out before departure in the afternoon. Unless, being of suitable age, you indicate on the Registration Form that your child (children) will be making his (their) own way to and from Camp.

### **Early Drop-Off and Late Pick-Up:**

- Two seminarians will be on duty from 7:30 am each morning in the courtyard of Maternal Heart Church for early drop-offs.
- Please ensure Campers are promptly picked-up at 5pm at the John Berne School. Please call or text the Camp Director if you are running late: 0434 146 311 (Mr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP).



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### **Privacy:**

All information contained in registration forms or collected during the “2018 Philosophy Camp” is confidential and for the use of the Holy Family Education Centre and the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter for mail-outs, follow-up, emergencies and administration. It may need to be shared with government agencies for statistical purposes or the police, where safety is a concern. Legal guardians of children may request to see or update this information at any time.

Information is collected and held by the Holy Family Education Centre, PO Box 917, Petersham NSW 2049.

### **Use of Photos / Video:**

During the Camp, photos / video footage may be taken of children in appropriate settings. We may like to use such photos / footage for the purpose of promoting the work of the Holy Family Education Centre and the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter. These photos / footage, for example, may appear in a brochure, or website, without identifying the names of children or their details. We seek your permission to use such photos / footage of your child (children) in this way. Please see the relevant section of the Parental / guardian permission and consent form.

### **Donations:**

Please consider making a donation to the Camp – this will assist us in improving Camp resources or offsetting Camp expenses. Please contact the Camp Director (Mr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP) should you like to assist. Email – [tsofatzis@olgseminary.org](mailto:tsofatzis@olgseminary.org);

### **Emergency Contact:**

In the case of an emergency please contact:

1. Camp Director: Mr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP: 0434 146 311
2. Camp Chaplain: Fr Duncan Wong FSSP: (02) 9572 9694 / 0418 685 335
3. Fr Damonn Sypher FSSP: 0490 083 692



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N.B: Please send registration forms *only* to the stated mailing (or e-mail) address, postmarked no later than **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. We will send a notification of acceptance by e-mail.

<b>Child's Name:</b> (Surname, Christian Name)	1.	Male / Female
	2.	Male / Female
	3.	Male / Female
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	1.	School Year:
	2.	School Year:
	3.	School Year:
<b>Address:</b>	City: _____ Postcode: _____	
	Home Phone #: (    )	
<b>Parents / Guardians:</b>	1.	Relation to Child(ren):
	E-mail: _____	
	Mobile #:	Work Ph. #:
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	2.	Relation to Child(ren):
	E-mail: _____	
	Mobile #:	Work Ph. #:
<b>Emergency Contact:</b> (Other than above)	Name: _____	
	Relation to Child(ren): _____	
	Contact Ph. #: _____	
<b>Authority to Collect:</b> (Other than parents / guardians)	Please provide the names and contact phone numbers of the people authorized to pick-up your child(ren):	
	Name: _____	
	Contact Ph. #: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Contact Ph. #: _____	
Alternatively, if of suitable age, please tick the relevant box(es) if you give permission for your child(ren) to make their own way to and from Camp: <input type="checkbox"/> Child 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Child 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Child 3 (as above).		
<b>Other Pertinent Information (Non-Medical):</b>	Is there anything we should know to ensure better care for your child(ren)? (e.g. special needs, behavioural issues, fears, custody arrangements etc.)	

I certify that all the information given on this page is correct:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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### Permission and Consent Form:

My signature below indicates my willingness to permit my child (children) to attend the:

#### **“2018 Philosophy Camp” from 8am Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – 5pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

- I understand that the Holy Family Education Centre and the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter sponsor the “2018 Philosophy Camp” which is scheduled to be held on the campus of The John Berne School and grounds of Maternal Heart of Mary Church (both located on Charles O’Neill Way, off Thomas St, Lewisham, NSW 2049).
- I understand that the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter shall provide a priest-chaplain and seminarians to supervise and oversee the “2018 Philosophy Camp.” I understand that they, together with the lay volunteers who will assist them, comprise the Camp Staff.
- I give permission and consent for my child (children) to participate in all classes and activities of this Camp (including sports and outdoor events).
- I understand and agree that the Holy Family Education Centre, the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter and all Camp Staff will not be responsible or liable in any way for any injury or loss sustained (to person or property) at, or resulting from, this Camp. I also agree to pay for all damages resulting from the actions of my child (children).
- I give permission for Camp Staff to administer basic first-aid to my child (children) as required.
- I authorise the chaplain or Camp Staff, as they deem necessary, to consent to emergency medical examinations and / or treatment for my child (children). I further authorise the use of an ambulance, if they should also deem this necessary. I accept responsibility for payment of all expenses associated with such medical treatment.
- I understand that my child (children) is (are) to abide by all instructions given by Camp Staff.
- I understand that my child (children) may be asked to leave this Camp (due to a health or disciplinary problem) and I will collect my child (children) from this Camp at my expense, forfeiting the Camp fees.
- I understand that photos / videos may be taken during the Camp and that my child (children) may be photographed / filmed in appropriate settings. I understand that such photos / footage may be used for publicity purposes (e.g. on a brochure) of the Holy Family Education Centre, or the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter, without identifying the name(s) or details of my child (children).
  - I give permission for photos / videos of my child (children) to be used for publicity purposes (e.g. on a brochure), without the disclosure of any personal details.
  - I do not give permission for photos / videos of my child (children) to be used for publicity purposes.

Name(s) of child (children):	1.
	2.
	3.
Name of Parent / Guardian:	
Signature:	Date: