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## 2021 Philosophy Camp (6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> July)



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

*“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 us for the “2021 Philosophy Camp”.

In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, this camp 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.

This year, for the first time, senior campers (many of whom have now studied the basics of Thomistic Philosophy), will be introduced to Christian Apologetics. It is hoped that this camp will furnish them with the means of providing a rational defence of their Faith against objections and misrepresentations raised by both atheists and holders of other beliefs.

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. Fraternity priests 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”!

This Camp’s Chaplain is Fr Duncan Wong FSSP and its Director is Fr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Sofatzis should you have any queries:

Email—[tsofatzisfssp@gmail.com](mailto:tsofatzisfssp@gmail.com); Phone—0429 808 958.



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## Camp Information

**When:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 9<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:**

- Standard Fee: \$75 /child; \$200 /family of 3+
- No one will be turned away for financial reasons; scholarships are available.

**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 / Apologetics	3:15 pm	Science Show / Presentation
10:45 am	Morning Tea	3:45 pm	Session 3 – Philosophy / Apologetics
11:00 am	Session 2 – Philosophy / Apologetics	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	1:00 pm	Vocations Presentation
8:15 am	Final Session – Philosophy / Apologetics	2:45 pm	Liturgy Talk
9:00 am	Group Revision	3:00 pm	Solemn Sung Mass
9:30 am	Rapid Fire Philosophy Quiz	4:15 pm	Afternoon Tea
10:00 am	Morning Tea	4:30 pm	Assembly & Award Ceremony
10:15 am	“Philosophers’ Cup” Challenge	5:00 pm	End of Camp
12:15 pm	Lunch		



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### Registration

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

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

<b>Email: (Preferred option)</b>	<b>Post:</b>
Fr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP (Camp Director) <i>tsofatzisfssp@gmail.com</i>	2021 Philosophy Camp The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter PO Box 917 Petersham, NSW 2049

Please note:

- Cheques may be made payable to the “Priestly Fraternity of St Peter”.
- Payment by cash or cheque may be made on the first morning of Camp for those who send their registration forms in via email. Should you prefer to pay via electronic transfer, please contact us for bank details.
- Please send registration forms to the above email address *only* (or mail address) postmarked no later than **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**
- We will send a notification of acceptance by email. Registrations are not confirmed until receipt of this notification.

Any queries pertaining to registrations may be directed to Fr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP at the email address listed above.

### Further Information

<b>What to bring (essentials):</b>	<b>What not to bring:</b>
- Writing book with pen or pencil	- Personal Food (unless to be shared)
- Hat and water-bottle	- Electronic Devices (gaming devices are strictly prohibited; phones may <i>only</i> be used in emergencies or outside Camp hours)
- Clothing and shoes modest for Church yet suitable for outdoor sport and recreational activities	

**Travel:** Parents / guardians are responsible for their child’s (children’s) 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 members of Camp Staff 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: 0429 808 958 (Fr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP).



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### **Privacy:**

All information contained in registration forms or collected during the “2021 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 and the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter, PO Box 46, Pendle Hill NSW 2145.

### **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 (Fr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP) should you like to assist. Email—[tsofatzisfssp@gmail.com](mailto:tsofatzisfssp@gmail.com)

### **Emergency Contact:**

In the case of an emergency please contact:

1. Camp Director: Fr Thomas Sofatzis FSSP: 0429 808 958
2. Assistant Camp Director: Fr Roger Gilbride FSSP: 0492 953 086
3. Camp Chaplain: Fr Duncan Wong FSSP: 0499 401 226 / (02) 9572 9694
4. Fr Damonn Sypher FSSP: 0490 083 692



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N.B: Please send registration forms to the stated email (*tsofatzisfssp@gmail.com*) or mail address *only*, postmarked no later than **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. We will send a notification of acceptance by email. Registrations are not confirmed until receipt of this notification.

<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):	
	Email:	
	Mobile #:	Work Ph. #:
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	2.	
	Relation to Child(ren):	
	Email:	
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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### Medical Information:

We are aware of, and respect, the private nature of the following questions. Accurate and full answers are important to ensure our ability to provide for the well-being of your child(ren).

### Please note:

**We are unable to administer medication to children participating in this Camp.**

<b>Name of Child 1:</b>	
Medical Requirements and Allergies (including all current medications):	
Special Dietary Requirements:	
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<b>Name of Child 2:</b>	
Medical Requirements and Allergies (including all current medications):	
Special Dietary Requirements:	
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<b>Name of Child 3:</b>	
Medical Requirements and Allergies (including all current medications):	
Special Dietary Requirements:	
<b><u>Doctor / Medical Centre</u></b>	Name:
	Address:
	Contact Ph. #:
<b><u>Medicare / Health Insurance:</u></b>	Name and Address of Company (if applicable):
	Child 1 – Policy or Medicare #:
	Child 2 – Policy or Medicare #:
	Child 3 – Policy or Medicare #:

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:

#### **“2021 Philosophy Camp” from 8am Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – 5pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

- I understand that the Holy Family Education Centre and the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter sponsor the “2021 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 priests (including a priest-chaplain and a priest-director) for the “2021 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 give permission and consent for my child (children) to be taken by Camp staff to Petersham Park (on the corner of West St & Brighton St, Sydney NSW 2049) for recreational activities.
- 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, loss or damages sustained (to person or property) at John Berne School, Maternal Heart of Mary Church, Petersham Park or otherwise 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 the rules of Catholic modesty apply to my child (children) on this Camp. Clothes should be comfortable, warm (it is winter) and both dignified enough for Church and practical enough for play.
- I understand that the use of personal electronic devices (including smart phones and tablets) is prohibited throughout the duration of the Camp and can only be used for emergencies or for communicating with parents / guardians outside of Camp hours. I understand that the Camp Staff are not responsible for the free determination of my child (children) to visit prohibited websites if they have internet access; if caught, I understand that my child (children) will be dismissed from the Camp.
- I understand that photos / videos of groups only, and not of individual persons, 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: