16th February 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

YEAR 11 CANBERRA & SYDNEY TRIP

A trip to Canberra and Sydney has been planned to take place Saturday 8th July to Thursday 13th July. This trip provides students with a fantastic opportunity to be involved in a wide range of educational, social and cultural experiences that they might otherwise not have the chance to engage in; and compliments many aspects of the Year 11 curriculum. Information on the reverse of this letter indicates travel options and activities for this year, and these will occur subject to availability.

The trip is open to eligible students in Year 11 as per the school’s policy concerning extra curricular activities. It is our policy that if parents / caregivers have not paid or made suitable arrangements for the payment of the Textbook Hire and Resource Scheme, students will not participate in non-compulsory excursions and other extracurricular activities that have an extra cost involved. This allows parents / care givers to allocate money to meet the cost of essential educational materials. In these instances students will be provided with alternative activities to complete at school on the day of the activity or excursion. Students who are not participating in the Canberra and Sydney Trip must attend school and will be continuing their studies. Therefore, for your student to be eligible, your child’s school account must be PAID IN FULL by 16th June, 2017.

Bookings at this stage have not yet been made. The estimated cost for the excursion will be approximately $1700 plus spending money. Last year, many students took advantage of a payment plan, and information about this year’s plan will be detailed in our next letter. A minimum of 50 students is required to make the excursion viable at this price. Parents will be notified of the final cost and date for payment as this information becomes available.

Once the required number of ‘expressions of interest’ have been returned a formal consent form and an invoice for the deposit of $200 will be issued. Please do not pay the deposit until you have received the invoice.

Attendance on the excursion will also depend on a record of positive school attitude and good behaviour as the students will be representing the school while on the Canberra and Sydney Trip. All students must have Good Standing as per school policy.

To assist in planning the itinerary for the trip, please complete the expression of interest form at the bottom of this letter and return to the school office by Friday 24th February, 2017.

Yours faithfully

Greg Hamilton
HOD Senior Schooling

Deborah Kachel
Principal

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

I wish for ________________________ to participate in the Year 11 Canberra and Sydney Trip – 2017. I understand that all school policies must be adhered to in relation to behaviour and full payment of school levies and costs of the trip. I agree to meet all deadlines set by the school for the returning of forms and payment. I recognise that a $200 deposit will be required to secure his/her place on the trip.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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SUMMARY OF INCLUSIONS FOR THE YEAR 11 CANBERRA & SYDNEY TRIP

ACCOMMODATION AND FLIGHTS

- Return Bus Transfers from Mossman SHS to Cairns Airport
- Return flights from Cairns to Sydney and Canberra to Cairns
- Two nights' accommodation in Sydney
- Three nights' accommodation in Canberra
- All Linen is provided, including bath towel

MEALS

- All Breakfast, lunch and Main Evening Meals are provided
- Students will be responsible for purchasing their own snacks

TOURS

**Canberra**

- Parliament House (previous & current)
- War Memorial Museum
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Questacon
- Mount Ainslie
- Museum of Democracy
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Zoo and Aquarium
- Phillip Ice Skating
- Embassy and Lodge District

**Sydney**

- Mrs Macquarie's Chair
- Bondi Beach & Rose Bay
- Circular Quay
- Opera House
- Dinner Cruise on Darling Harbour
- Museum of Contemporary Arts
- Ferry Ride – Watson Bay to Circular Quay
- Sydney Harbour Bridge

**Snowy Mountains**

- Kosciuszko National Park
- Hire of Parka, pants, walk boots and toboggans