



Grade 9 Adventure and Enrichment Activities Week 9 – 11 December 2014 (including the Canberra/Sydney trip)

CHOICES FORM

Thursday 29 May 2014

Dear Students and Parents,

At the end of Term 4, all Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in an Adventure and Enrichment Activity offered by the College.

The purpose of this letter is to provide students and parents with some general information about the options available, so that choices may be made soon. Grade 9 students will attend an information session this Friday where they will hear more details and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The rationale behind the Enrichment and Activities Week (December 9-11, 2014) is to offer students a range of activities, covering a broad spectrum of individual interests and abilities, and providing them with the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. Some activities, such as the Canberra/ Sydney trip, offer insights into our cultural and historical identity. The outdoor education experiences encourage students to undertake new and exciting personal and physical challenges. A variety of activities is available and all students should be able to find something that is of interest. The Grade 9 Adventure and Enrichment Week is not an optional extra for students and attendance is compulsory.

The list of activities available to students is detailed below. They vary in terms of cost and the amount of preparation required. The planning and booking of activities will occur in the coming months, and at this stage we are asking families to nominate (and preference) the three activities which best suit their interests, abilities and budget. Once students have made these choices, travel arrangements and the booking of travel, venues, guides and equipment can get underway.

Students need to discuss the options carefully with their families, friends and teachers before they make their choices. For logistical reasons, we **discourage students from switching their options in Terms 3 and 4**. The aim is for students to attend their first option, but because numbers are set for some activities (such as scuba diving and surfing), we must operate on a 'first come, first served' basis. For these reasons, this Choice Form must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 10 June, 2014.

Once the forms have been received and collated, students and parents will receive written notification confirming their choice. They will also receive an invoice requiring payment of a non-refundable deposit - \$50 for Outdoor Activities or \$500 for the Canberra/ Sydney trip.

- All deposits are payable by 4 July 2014, the final day of Term 2.
 - Final payments for all activities must be received by 26 September 2014, the final day of Term 3.
- Please do not hesitate to contact either of us by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns about the activities. Our email addresses appear below.

Detailed information about final costs, itineraries, equipment requirements, attending staff, and medical and consent forms will be forwarded to families as soon as it is available.

We are appreciative of your co-operation and patience during the planning process.

Yours sincerely

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Grade 9 Adventure and Enrichment Activities

8-11 December 2014

Option 1: Canberra/ Sydney Trip

As you may be aware, in past years Grade 9 students have been offered the opportunity to travel to Canberra and Sydney for an educational tour which encourages students to learn more about Australia's historical, cultural, political and contemporary identity.

A Canberra trip is now part of the Grade 6 curriculum, but we are keen for all students to have the opportunity to visit our national capital and largest city. The option to visit Canberra/ Sydney is offered to Grade 9 students during Adventure and Enrichment Activities Week.

It is proposed that the four-day/ three-night trip will depart on the morning of Monday 8 December and return on the evening of Thursday 11 December. The tour would comprise a two-night, motel accommodation stay in Canberra with visits to attractions of national significance including New Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Gallery of Australia, and the Australian Institute of Sport. Following the Canberra experience, the tour would travel by bus to Sydney for an overnight stay which would include a visit to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney, some sightseeing of Sydney's famous landmarks, and perhaps a bit of shopping.

We are working with Trekset Travel Agent to set up our itinerary and bookings, and at this stage the estimated cost of the trip is approximately \$1300. Once we have an indication of firm numbers, we will be able to furnish more substantial details about cost, accommodation and itinerary.

We understand that the cost of this trip may be prohibitive for some families, and we ask for careful consideration before students make a firm commitment. The final price for this trip will be determined by the travel agent based on the number of people of travelling. Once this figure is set we will be unable to make changes and as a result all deposits and payments made to the travel agent will be non-refundable. If a student pulls out of the trip during terms three or four their costs will still need to be covered in full.

As with all activities, we will keep families up to date with our planning and preparation, and we ask for your patience during this planning term. Let us know if you have any preliminary questions about this trip. There will be more formal information sessions for families once we have more information from students.

GRADE 9 ADVENTURE & ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES 2014

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(return to the front office by Tuesday 10th of June 2014)

Choose 3 options and allocate preferences with numbers 1 -3.

Note: Canberra & Sydney will be a 5 day Trip (Dates 8 – 11 Dec)
Most Overnight Trips (will be away from home for 3 days – 9, 10, 11 Dec)
Day trips – Students will return home each afternoon.

Please note that activities will only run if we get sufficient numbers.

3 – 5 day - Overnight trips:

Your Preference	Overnight Trips (will be away from home for 3 - 5 days)	Max Number of Students	Estimated Cost
	4 Day trip Canberra & Sydney Trip – 4 Days 3 nights Travel to Canberra & Sydney and see the sights and explore aspects of Australian culture & history – Visit National Museum, War memorial, Sydney Opera house.	unlimited	About \$1300 Exact price to be confirmed
	4 day Bushwalk and Caving Adventure Caving Experience at Mole Creek and 3 day Bushwalk to Walls of Jerusalem National Park. Moderate difficulty level, camping in tents.	10	\$180
	3 day trip Surf Camp on Bruny Island Camping out with surf lessons each day plus relaxing on the beach	20	\$130
	3 day trip Base Camp on Bruny Overnight accommodation (no camping) with 3 separate day activities : 1 day Sea Kayak, 1 day bushwalk/beach play, 1 day boat cruise	10	\$180
	3 day trip Scuba Diving with Eaglehawk dive stay in accommodation (not camping) at Eaglehawk neck with 3 days scuba lessons	15	\$250
	3 day trip Gourmet Tasmania Travel on a road trip to Cradle Mt and explore Tasmania's gourmet food along the way. Cooking with instruction from Mrs McInnes Plus one day easy bushwalk. Stay in accommodation (not camping).	10	\$150
	3 day trip Cradle Mountain Adventure Travel on a road trip to Cradle Mt. Stay in accommodation (no camping) 1 day bus tour, 1 day bushwalk - Cradle Mountain area, 1 day canyon adventure.	10	\$200
	3 day trip Bike Ride and Sea kayak – Bruny Island 2 day Bike ride – Moderate difficulty one day sea kayak trip	10	\$150

Other options for day trips and school based activities on other side.

Day Trips (students return home each evening – 3 x 1 day outings):

Your Preference	Day Trips (will return home each evening after activity)	Max Number of Students	Estimated Cost
	Day 1: Horse Ride, Day 2: Ropes Course – fun team challenges Day 3: Easy leisurely bush walk on Mt Wellington	10	\$150
	3 day trips with medium difficulty level Day 1: River kayaking – Huon or Derwent River. Day 2: Rock-Climb Day 3: Challenging Mountain bike ride (North/South Track to Lenah Valley and ride back to school)	15	\$150
	3 day trips with easy difficulty level Day 1: Bushwalk & Easy Mountain bike ride- Wellington Falls and pipeline track Day 2: White Water Rafting trip down Huon or Derwent Rivers Day 3: Abseil & Rock climbing.	15	\$150

Activities Based at School.

Your Preference	School Based Activities – Return Home each afternoon	Max Number of Students	Estimated Cost
	Programme may include media and technology activities, sport and recreation participation and spectating), art and drama activities.	20	\$0

Important Information:

While all attempts will be made to keep the cost of each trip to a minimum final costs may change due to changing transport & equipment hire and other unforeseen situations.

Students will be responsible for their own food on the trips. Pre-trip meetings will be held to discuss appropriate food and required equipment.

Once choices are confirmed invoices will be posted home.

Deposits to confirm each student's involvement in a particular trip are required by the last day of Term 2:

- \$500 for Sydney/ Canberra trip
- \$50 for outdoor activities

Student Name and Tutor Group: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent email address: _____

To be completed by Office staff

Date of Form Return: _____