



Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

Wednesday 11th April 2018

Yr 10 Retreat

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th May, Year 10 will be attending their overnight retreat at Talbingo Mountain Retreat. Youth Mission Team (YMT) will be facilitating the retreat, supported by Mrs Cartwright, Mr O'Brien, Mr Alderman and Fr Trenton Van Reesch. Attendance on this excursion is compulsory, as the retreat is a component of the overall Year 10 Religious Education Curriculum. The retreat outcomes are:

- To provide an opportunity for an external school component of Faith Development that can foster a closer relationship with their God
- To facilitate a time of reflection and personal searching in an environment of challenge
- To facilitate sharing and a greater intimacy in relationships between students, their peers and staff
- To provide an opportunity for AFFIRMATION from their peers and significant others

During the two days, students will reflect, share and pray on the theme "Relationships and Life's Journey" and consider how their own chosen theme *Reach for the Stars* – "Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2Corinthians 9:6) can impact on their life plans. Fr Trenton will also be providing opportunities for the students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Eucharist.

We will be departing at 7am sharp on Tuesday 15th May and will arrive at Talbingo Mountain Retreat at 9am. On Wednesday we will be departing Talbingo at 3.00pm and returning to school by 5.00pm. The students will be accommodated in cabin units that have several bedrooms that sleep two students each. They will need to bring:

- morning tea and a packed lunch for Thursday
- sleeping bag OR a set of single bed sheets
- pillow slip (pillows provided)
- towel & pyjamas
- casual comfortable warm clothing (a warm coat/wet weather jacket or coat and good walking shoes and beanie)
- personal items (toiletries) that they require.

The cost for this excursion will be \$75 which includes accommodation; meals including afternoon tea, dinner & supper on Thursday and breakfast, morning tea and lunch on Friday; travel expenses; and Talbingo Mountain Retreat hall hire. **Payments can be made via the payment envelope system by Friday 11th May. Partial payments can be made.** Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cartwright or myself if you have any difficulties with the expenses associated with the retreat.

If there is an emergency and you need to contact your child, please contact the school during school hours in the first instance. Out of school hours contact phone numbers are Talbingo Mountain Retreat: 69495253 & the school mobile 0417 496 272. If you would like to view the facility the website address is: www.talbingomountainretreats.com.au

Yours in Faith,

Mrs Katie Thompson
REC

Mr Andrew Alderman
Year 10 PCA

Mrs Janet Cartwright
Principal



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To Parents of _____ Class: Year 10

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DETAILS OF EXCURSION - Please keep the top section for your information.

DESTINATION: Talbingo Mountain Retreat

DATE OF EXCURSION: 15th & 16th May 2018

DEPART FROM: Sacred Heart

RETURN TO: Sacred Heart

COST: \$75

OTHER DETAILS: See attached letter

TRANSPORT: Hired Bus

DEPARTURE TIME: 7am Tuesday 15th May

TIME OF RETURN: 5pm Wednesday 16th May

MONEY TO BE RETURNED BY: Fri 11th May

If the excursion organisation is varied or cancelled you will be notified and any appropriate refunds made. If a student cancels after final arrangements have been made, it may not be possible to refund money even if cancellation is due to illness.

Mrs Katie Thompson
Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs Janet Cartwright
Principal

PLEASE DETACH THIS SECTION and return it with any required money to the Front Office in a blue payment envelope.

CONSENT FORM

As a parent/guardian of _____ Class _____, I give my consent for him/her to participate in **the Year 10 Retreat** and agree to delegate my authority to the staff and instructors involved. I understand that teachers will take whatever disciplinary action is needed to ensure students' safety and the orderly conduct of the excursion. If the above student must be returned to the school due to inappropriate behaviour I will meet the cost of transport.

I authorise teachers to seek medical attention if needed while on excursion and agree to pay any medical expenses incurred on behalf of the above student.

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

STUDENT COMMITMENT

I agree to meet the expectations of this excursion and to follow the instructions of the teachers. I will be of good behaviour throughout the excursion.

Signed: _____
Student