



Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

16th February 2018

Dear Parents,

The annual Year 9 excursion will be making an exciting destination change in 2018. This will allow our students to access a range of different curriculum linked opportunities and acknowledges that Hennessy Catholic College also runs a senior Sydney excursion which includes a great many of the same venues as we have previously attended.

In 2018 the Year 9 cohort are given the opportunity to spend several days in Melbourne and surrounds. While not all events and options have been finalised it is likely that the trip will include two nights and three days in Melbourne itself, where students will be able to explore the cultural significance of this Southern capital city. One night and day will likely be spent at and around Phillip Island, also an area of historical, indigenous and environmental significance.

The anticipated cost of this excursion is between \$650 and \$700 and because of this significant cost we would like to encourage parents to begin making payments early.

There are a number of payment options that can be discussed with Emma Deep in the front office.

- 1) Weekly or fortnightly payments using direct debit or payment plans
- 2) Term payments (\$250 by Week 8 of Term 1, \$200 by Week 8 or Term 2 and \$200 by Week 8 of Term 3)
- 3) A single bulk payment by Week 2 of Term 2

Regardless of the option chosen we need to hear from parents confirming student intention to attend the excursion and payment option desired prior to Week 5 of Term 1. This will allow us to make crucial bookings as soon as possible to secure accommodation and activities.

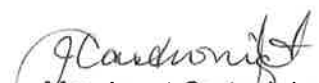
Fundraising will play an important role in reducing costs but applies only where students and families are committed to fundraising ventures. Fundraising efforts reduced many students' excursion costs dramatically in 2017.

Please fill in the form attached to indicate consent for your child to attend the excursion and an indication of which payment form you would like to pursue.

If you have any questions, offers of support or suggestions for further fundraising please contact Erryn Marsay.

Yours faithfully,


Ms Erryn Marsay
Secondary Coordinator


Mrs Janet Cartwright
Principal

CONSENT FORM

As the parent or guardian of _____ (Year 9). I give my consent for him / her to participate in the Melbourne excursion and related activities. I understand that early payment options are necessary and commit to the following option. I understand that if the excursion is cancelled or altered notification will be made and refunds will be made (though not of the full amount due to securing deposits)

I am interested in pursuing the following payment option (please indicate one option ✓)

- Weekly or fortnightly payments (I will contact Emma Deep to organise)
- Term payments (I commit to making a first payment by Week 8 of Term 1 and following up with further payments as outlined)
- I intend to make a single bulk payment and will do this by Week 2 of Term 2
- I will contact Emma Deep at the office by Week 5 to make alternate arrangements for payment

I understand that attendance at excursions is a privilege and students who do not meet behavioural expectations may not be permitted to attend the excursion if on an 'orange' or 'red level' at the time of the excursion.

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Please note families with extreme financial difficulties should contact the office in regards to options as it is not the school's intention that anyone be left out.