Dear Parents/Guardians

TERM 2 - YEAR 9 CHALLENGE PROGRAM

A very special thank you to all the parents who assisted with the Integrated Studies activities in Term 1. Your enthusiasm and assistance is greatly appreciated. The program could not run successfully without your support.

Next term, the challenges will continue with City Cite, which is broken into two parts, and allows the students to develop a better knowledge of their city, and improve their teamwork and problem solving skills.

URBAN ADVENTURES OVERNIGHT STAY – 4 & 5 May 2016

This involves the entire group and their teachers catching the train into the city on Wednesday 4 May. They are required to be at Mt Waverley train station at 8.30am and we will catch the train in as a group. On the Wednesday they will rotate between a Yarra River Cruise, a tour of the MCG and a tour through the Melbourne graffiti laneways. They will then visit the Eureka Towers for sunset before having dinner at Stalactites Restaurant. They will spend the night in the city, at Melbourne Discovery, 167 Franklin Street. Telephone: 9329 4012. ($30 will be charged to the students’ account to cover their dinner and breakfast costs, as well as their entry into Eureka Tower).

On Thursday 5 May, they will be involved in an ‘amazing race’ type activity around the city before departing from Federation Square at 3.30pm to head home. Students will not be accompanied by staff on the return journey. Student should arrive to Mt Waverley station at approx. 4:30pm. If your child wants to catch a different train home or meet a parent in the city after the activities conclude that is fine as long as they have a note from a parent/guardian outlining this.

We will also require several parent helpers for the Amazing Race on Wednesday to supervise a group so if you are available and willing to assist please send me an email to let me know.

Students are allowed to wear suitable casual clothes with comfortable, walking shoes. They are also required to bring a small backpack containing:

- A change of clothes for Thursday. (Students will be required to carry their backpacks with them on both Wednesday and Thursday so they should pack minimal clothing)
- Money for entry to Eureka Skydeck (optional), an ice cream after dinner on Wednesday, and lunch on Thursday- $50 should cover all of this comfortably.
- Packed lunch for Wednesday including a water bottle, small amount of snacks
- A myki card with enough credit for Zone 1 and 2 for use on Wednesday and Thursday
- Sleepwear
- Rain jacket
- Towel
- Minimal toiletries
- Writing materials
- Urban Adventures Booklet & Maps
CITY CITE: Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June 2016

The second part of the Urban Adventures program involves a full 4 days of activities and research. Students are required to make their own way into the city each day, where they will meet the teachers at the City Cite, 474 Flinders Street at 8.30 am. Please note this is a 4 day program running Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, and Friday 10 June. **Students will attend normal classes at Huntingtower on Thursday 9 June.**

During the week they will be visiting various sites and working in small groups to formulate an argument about an aspect of the city which they will present to their parents and family at the end of the week. Students are required to wear their full school uniform each day.

Students will be dismissed from the City Cite building each day at 3.30 pm, except for the last day where they will remain in the city until 8 pm. They will need to have a Myki card with sufficient funds and bring money or packed food for their meals each day.

**Friday 10 June: STUDENT PRESENTATION EVENING – 6.00pm for 6.15pm start**

City Cite, Level 12, 474 Flinders Street

Parents are invited to involve themselves in their child’s studies by attending a presentation evening in the city at 6pm on Friday. This will last about an hour, and your interest in your child’s work makes all the difference to the students. Last year many families took the opportunity to stay in the city and have a meal at Federation Square before catching the train home together.

Students will be dismissed from the city following their presentations at approximately 7.30pm; however, they will not be allowed to travel home alone, so if you are unable to attend the presentation and accompany them home yourselves, please make suitable arrangements for them to go home with another adult or family member.

I am looking forward to assisting your child in their studies of Melbourne and helping them gain confidence in enjoying and appreciating our wonderful city, its public transport and its diverse cultures, and then watching them share their newfound knowledge with you. It is a very rewarding educational experience for everyone.

If you have any queries about this program or you are able to assist on Thursday 5 May, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9807 8888 or via email stiepermann@huntingtower.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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