24 April 2013

Dear Parents

Year 9 - Urban Adventures & City Cite

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

This term, the challenges will continue with Urban Adventures, 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.

City overnight stay
This involves the entire group and their teachers catching the train into the city on Tuesday 7 May, where they will be involved in a series of activities in and around the city, culminating in a visit to the Eureka Towers for sun set before having dinner at Universal Pizza on Lygon St. They will spend the night in the city, at Melbourne Discovery, 167 Franklin Street. Ph: 9329 4012.

On Wednesday 8 May students will work in small groups following the itinerary that they have planned in the weeks leading up to Urban Adventures, before returning by train at approximately 4pm. If your child normally catches a train on the Mt Waverley line and you wish them to get off either before or after Mt Waverley station on the return journey, please indicate this on the reply slip below.

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 Wednesday. (Students will be required to carry their backpacks with them on Wednesday so they should pack minimal clothing)
- Money for a morning snack and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday (they can bring a packed lunch for Tuesday if they wish.)
- A water bottle
- Myki card with enough money for daily fares for both days
- Sleepwear
- Rain jacket
- Minimal toiletries
- Clipboard, pen, pencil and an eraser
- Urban Adventures Booklet

City Cite: Monday 17 – Friday 21 June

The second part of the Urban Adventures program involves a full 5 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 building, level 12, 474 Flinders Street at 8.30 am.

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 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 ensure they have enough Myki credit for the full week and bring money or packed food for their meals each day.
Friday 21 June: Student Presentation Evening – 6 00pm for 6.15pm
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 6 pm 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 8pm; 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.

Please complete the applicable sections of the form below and once again, if you have any queries about this program, please do not hesitate to contact me lparsons@huntingtower.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Parsons
Year 9 Coordinator

Please tear off and return the reply slip below:

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL (Mr Parsons) by May 6

• I consent for my child to participate in the Urban Adventure activities as outlined above.
• My child will leave the group, on the return journey on the 8 May____________________ Station. (If any other station other than Mt Waverley)
• I/ We will be attending the presentation evening on 21 June. No of guests (excluding student) Or
• I will not be attending the presentation evening on 21 June and I have made the following arrangements for my child

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Student’s Name: ______________________________________   Class: _____

Signed: __________________________________ Parent/Guardian