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Bathurst Goldfields excursion

Dear parents and caregivers,

As part of our Term 3 History studies of the Gold Rush in Australia, Stage 3 will be visiting Bathurst Goldfields. The tour we have booked focuses on giving students a hands-on experience of life in early colonial Australia. Students will interact with personalities from the past and get their hands dirty building mudbricks, damper cooking, operating old machinery and panning for gold. Students will operate original machinery used on the goldfields and explore the contribution early migrants made to Bathurst and other colonial settlements. The tour has been designed around the new NSW Curriculum with a focus on identifying change, the struggles of various groups including early migrants, first contact with Aboriginal Australians and Bathurst's social and economic development.

Date and time

The excursion will take place on **Friday 19th August**. Students will need to be at school by 7.45am ready to board the buses and we are aiming to return to school by 4pm. Parents will be kept updated of return time via Compass. Regrettably due to student numbers we will be unable to offer parents transport to this excursion.

Cost

The cost of this excursion is \$45. This has been heavily subsidised by the bus company, Fantastic Aussie Tours, and fundraising efforts by the Stage 3 students. **Please pay by Friday 12th August 2022.**

Should you wish your child to attend but are experiencing financial difficulty, assistance may be available through the Student Assistance Funds. Please contact Mrs Hardge if you need to discuss this. Be assured that these matters are treated with confidentiality.

Please be advised that we adopt a cost recovery model for all excursions, and we are required to pay service providers even if your child/ren is/are unable to attend on the day, and regrettably we cannot provide a credit or a refund.

What to bring and wear

Students should wear full school uniform including a sunhat and sensible shoes for walking around the site. Students will need to bring their recess, lunch and plenty to drink, but please bring no glass or cans. Do bring a raincoat, gloves, beanie and warm coat in case of colder or wet weather.

What not to bring

Please do not allow your child to bring electronic games or mobile phones. Chewing gum, jewellery and lollies should not be brought on the excursion.

Student Welfare

In keeping with our Student Welfare Policy, only students whose behaviour has been appropriate will be permitted to attend. If your child has had more than one Time Out or a Blue or Yellow Card this term, their attendance will be in doubt. An interview with Mrs Hardge may be necessary to

discuss the attendance of your child. Should your child's attendance be in doubt, you will be contacted in the near future.

Medication

Please indicate on the permission slip any current medical conditions for your child and indicate if they will be taking any medication on the day of the excursion.

Kind regards,

Ms Lamond

Mrs Marshall

Mr Kelly

Mrs Lynch

Mrs Windsor

Bathurst Goldfields excursion permission slip

I give permission for my child _____ of 5/6 _____

to travel by minibus or coach to the Bathurst Goldfields on Friday, 19th August 2022.

My child has the following medical conditions and required medication:

I can be contacted on the day on _____

I acknowledge this activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Government's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk of my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

I have paid the cost of \$45 (please tick):

_____ in cash (enclosed)

_____ online. Receipt number _____

Signed _____ (parent/caregiver)

Date _____