

30 July 2017

YEAR 9 URBAN EXPERIENCE, 2017 (note 2)

Dear Year 9 Parents,

Well, Urban Experience is nearly here! In just a few weeks, we will be in Sydney, enjoying a taste of life in the ‘big smoke’! Dates are **30th August to 1st September** (Week 6, Term 3).

Just a few very important things to note:

- Students will need money for four meals in food courts, a meal on the way home and \$5 for the Wesley Mission challenge – about \$60 to \$75. We recommend about \$20 for extra spending money – students should be encouraged to use their own money for this. **Students must bring morning tea and lunch for the trip down to Sydney.**
- Bathurst students can be picked up on our way through, and dropped off on our way back from Bathurst Railway Station. They must confirm these arrangements in writing beforehand please.
- Included at the bottom of this letter is a list of what students need to bring. They should come prepared for any weather conditions, in sensible, comfortable clothes. Sneakers or enclosed shoes are required for all three days – sandals/thongs are not appropriate footwear. We will be travelling by public transport, which means each student should have a day pack in addition to their overnight bag. Each student will need to be able to carry their bag on and off public transport and the three blocks from Central Station to the motel.
- Please complete the attached **Excursion Medical Information** and return to the School Office by 16th August 2017.

❖ **NOTE ON STUDENT MOBILE PHONES and PERSONAL DEVICES**

It is very important that mobile phones, computer games or iPods, etc., are **not** brought on the excursion. Parents can contact staff by using the numbers that will be provided shortly before we leave. Mobile phones are a student safety and protection issue and have been used in the past to arrange meetings without staff knowledge. Please support this request. If anyone brings a phone it will be confiscated for the duration of the excursion. Students are asked not to put their room-mates in a difficult position by bringing phones and then expecting others to keep quiet about it.

Please contact Bill Hetherington at the school if you have any further questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Hetherington



Urban Experience - what to bring

- Morning tea for Wednesday**
- Lunch for Wednesday**
- Clothing for warm weather
- Clothing for cool weather (incl. rain protection)
- Socks, underwear and sleep wear
- Toiletries (incl. toothbrush and comb)
- Hat, sun block and water bottle
- Small backpack/carry bag
- 2 pens and 1 pencil
- Comfortable shoes
- Water bottle
- Money for 2 lunches and 2 dinners, plus extra
- \$5 for Wesley Mission challenge