15 September 2015

Dear Parents, Guardians and Year 10 students

Year 11 Northern Territory Tour 2016

Wantirna College is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering Year 11 students the chance of joining the annual Northern Territory Tour. The trip will commence on Saturday 18th June and return 15 days later on Saturday 2nd July (the tour takes place during the last week of Term 2 and the first week of the school holidays).

The trip provides students with a wonderful opportunity of witnessing firsthand the wonders of the Australian outback. From the majestic red centre, to the stunning beauty of the top end, the tour is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We will express drive to Uluru (Ayers Rock Caravan Park) and then travel north to Darwin through the heart of the country. Travelling in luxury coaches, the journey itself becomes part of the adventure. The return trip promises to be a much quicker voyage with a three hour flight from Darwin to Melbourne. All in all, the tour promises to be an amazing experience.

Based on the 2015 cost, the tour has an anticipated total cost of $2200 - $2400 (dependant on numbers) and includes compulsory travel insurance, meals, accommodation, entrance into all tourist attractions, commemorative t-shirt and sunhat, the comfort of Bendigo Coaches and a return flight to Melbourne. Once we know exact student numbers we will be able to finalise the total cost and any questions will be explained in a Parent Information Night on Wednesday 4th May 2016.

Accommodation is based on twin share ‘safari’ style tents and all meals are included except meals between Melbourne and Uluru while on express travel. We will be making a group booking for airfares and individual arrangements are not possible.

Some of the highlights of the trip include:

- Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Kata Tjuta (The Olga’s)
- Kings Canyon
- Alice Spring
- Mataranka Thermal Springs
- Nitmiluk Gorge (Katherine)
- Jumping Crocodiles
- Jackaroo experience
- Kakadu National Park
- Camel Rides
- Aboriginal Community visit
- Darwin
- Darwin’s Mindil Beach Market
- Litchfield National Park – Waterfall swim
- River Cruises
- Darwin Wave Pool
2015 Central Tour Payments

The Year 11 Northern Territory Tour 2015 is an extra curricula activity and is over and above the normal College educational program. College Council has determined that students wishing to attend the Tour must have paid all the Compulsory Essential Curriculum and Service Items, as outlined on the College Fees and Charges sheet, to be eligible for participation in the tour. This either needs to be paid by the 23 March 2016 or a payment plan agreed to with our Business Manager, Ms Jan Costelow.

Due to the cost involved in ensuring the best possible travel arrangements, a non-refundable deposit of $400 (including compulsory travel insurance) needs to be paid to the College no later than Thursday 5th November 2015. The final cost of the tour will be confirmed once airfares are established; at this stage the flight costing is based on 2015 prices.

A schedule for repayments is as follows:

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* Please note that all payments MUST be finalised by Friday 3rd June 2016*

There are only a set number of places available for the tour and it is possible that students may have to undertake a ballot to receive a guaranteed place, though this has never happened. We have a number of options in the sizes of the coaches available, so we are hopeful that the ballot will not be necessary. All students who meet the deposit timelines, and have a record of positive endeavour, would be placed into the ballot. If there is a dramatically increased demand from students we would review travel arrangements to allow for some growth in numbers we can take.

If you would like to attend the tour, please return the attached “Payment Agreement” with the initial deposit of $400 by Thursday 5th November 2015 to secure your place.

For more information relating to any of the above information, please don’t hesitate to contact Leanne Caira at Wantirna College on (03) 9801 9700 or email cai@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au

LEANNE CAIRA
Tour Group Organiser 2016
Wantirna College

ANDREW LEWIS
Assistant Principal
Wantirna College

Christmas Present Ideas:
Students will require camp items such as a sleeping bag, sleeping mat and a large soft sports bag. If you don’t already have these, they make great Christmas presents!!!!
I (Parent Name) ____________________________ understand the following terms and conditions and agree to them:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Payment of a Non-refundable deposit of $400 (includes Travel Insurance) by Thursday 5th November 2015

2. Payment of all COMPULSORY Essential Curriculum and Service Items for 2016. The Compulsory Items to be paid include:
   a. essential curriculum and service items,
   b. E-Learning support levy,
   c. subject material levies,
   d. buses for whole school carnival days and
   e. locker levy.

   Payment by 23rd March 2016

3. Adhere to the payment schedule and due dates:

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4. I understand that participation in this tour is dependent on my child being both up to date in all school work and demonstrating the appropriate level of maturity and responsibility. If my child does not fit this description, I understand that staff will not take my child and no refund will be given.

I agree to, and will abide by all the terms and conditions as set out above

(Please Initial)
(Parent Initial)
(Student Initial)

Parent Signature: Date:

Please return this form with your deposit