



25th January, 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Friday, 17th February, we will be visiting the Port of Brisbane as an important component of the Year 12 Geography course.

The aim of the activity is to enable students to collect data and engage in meaningful analysis of their data. Fieldwork is a **mandatory** element of the Senior Geography Syllabus and students will be submitting a written report based on their fieldwork as a major component of this semester's assessment.

Students are required to be at school at 7.30am for departure at 7.45am, and the bus will return to school by 4.00pm. Students will be travelling to the Port of Brisbane with Brisbane Bus Lines in a bus fitted with seatbelts. They will be taken to various sites at the Port of Brisbane where they will conduct mangrove surveys, examine water sensitive urban design elements at Lucinda Drain, view migratory shore birds at the bird hide, examine the storm water retention lake and undertake a port tour and water testing aboard *Inspiration*, the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre vessel.

As part of their field studies students will be observing various elements of the port and land use practices, producing field sketches, collecting data through observation and supervised biological and chemical water testing activities directed by the specialist teaching staff from Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre. Much of the day will be spent outdoors near water. The activities have been assessed as a **medium risk** which will be managed by the class teacher and the specialist teacher from the Centre. Protective gloves and glasses will be worn for chemical testing and all activities in and around water will be fully supervised. There will be no swimming, but some wading may be necessary for collection of samples and data. Students are advised to apply sunscreen regularly to avoid sunburn and carry sufficient water to avoid dehydration.

What to bring: Pen, pencils, fieldwork booklet, clipboard, a hat, raincoat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Please note, there will be no access to shops, thus students will need to bring their own morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and snacks. Students will also need to bring enough water for the day (at least one litre).

What to wear: Due to the nature of the fieldwork, students are required to wear long shorts/trousers, a collared, preferably long-sleeved shirt and closed, comfortable shoes. Spare shoes and a plastic bag are required as mangrove activities will be undertaken in the mud.

Students with special requirements: Please include any specific needs on the attached Medical Form so Ms Ponniah can assess any necessary precautions (eg due to conditions such as diabetes, asthma, travel sickness, allergies or anaphylaxis).

The cost of the excursion is \$56, which will cover the bus hire for the day and the costs of the activities provided by Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre. There will be no refunds if students are unable to attend.

This will be a truly wonderful experience for the students and I look forward to a fabulous day of field work. The KGSC behaviour management policy will be adhered to at all times. If you require any further details, please contact Ms Ponniah at the school on 3352 7483. Please complete the attached Consent and Medical Form and return to Ms Ponniah and make payment to the SUB Shop by Friday, 10th February, 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Ponniah
Senior Geography Teacher

Wendy Dilley
HOD Business & Humanities

Duncan Steel
Senior School Principal



Year 12 Geography Excursion 2016 Consent

Please complete the required information and check all appropriate boxes below to indicate your agreement/consent:

- I have read all of the information contained in this form in relation to the activity (including any attached material) and I am aware that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students.
- I give consent for my child, _____ (print child's name) in year _____ (print year level details), to participate in the activity detailed above.
- I agree to pay to the school the costs detailed above for my child's participation in the activity.
- In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise school staff to obtain or administer any medical assistance or treatment my child may reasonably require, including contacting my child's doctor.
- I have provided the school all relevant details relating to my child's medical or physical needs on enrolment and where relevant have updated this information.
- I accept liability for all costs incurred in obtaining such medical assistance or treatment (including any transportation costs) and undertake to reimburse the State of Queensland (via the Department of Education, Training and Employment) the full amount of any costs incurred on my child's behalf.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ (Please Print) Contact Ph No: _____

Parent/Carer's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Additional medical information

The school collected medical information about your child at enrolment. This information is stored in OneSchool. Please give full details of any new or changing conditions (medical, physical or management) which may affect your child's full participation in the activity described in the form.

_____ Allergies (any known):

_____ Last tetanus injection (year):

_____ Current medication or any medication regularly taken:

Does your child have a medical treatment plan: (Circle) YES NO

Note: If the activity is longer than 1 day in duration, please provide details of the current treatment plan via attachment.

You may also wish to provide the following information*:

Name of child's medical practitioner: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Private Health Insurance Company (if provided): _____

*If an enrolment form for your child has been completed or updated since October 2012 this information will already be recorded in OneSchool.

- I would like this additional information about my child's medical and physical details to be recorded in OneSchool records.

Privacy Notice

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is collecting the personal information requested in this form in order to:

- obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in the activity;
- help coordinate the activity;
- respond to any injury or medical condition that may arise during, or as a result of the activity; and
- update school records where necessary.

The information will only be accessed by authorised school staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of s.426 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).

The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorised or required by law, or you have given DET permission for the information to be disclosed.

Activity Risks & Insurance

The activity outlined above carries an inherent risk of physical injury occurring. Please note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may be also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this activity.



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