22 August 2012

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Year Nine students have been studying the novel, THE OUTSIDERS by S.E Hinton in English which explores marginalised people in society. As part of this unit, an overnight excursion to Murgon and the Cherbourg Mission has been organised for Tuesday and Wednesday the 11th and 12th September 2012. This excursion will allow our students to explore and gain a deeper understanding of key concepts relating to Australia’s history and in particular, The Stolen Generation.

The Australian Curriculum involves students actively engaging with the world’s oldest continuous living culture. The principles and virtues that are deeply embedded within these communities require that all schools embrace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. (English Syllabus: The Australian Curriculum 2011)

Cherbourg is an Aboriginal community of 1100 people, 170 km north-west of Brisbane, on the Barambah Dam. It is located within the Wakka Wakka tribal boundaries, near the border of Gubbi Gubbi territory. Students will be staying overnight at St Joseph’s Primary School in Murgon.

THERE IS NO COST TO STUDENTS FOR THIS EXCURSION

AGENDA

Tuesday 11th September

7:45 am students meet in the Kolbe Sports Centre

8:00 -- Students depart MMCP

10:00-(approximately) Morning Tea at Gympie Memorial Park

(Students need to bring their own morning tea).

12:00pm- Arrive St Joseph’s school Murgon

1:00 -3:00pm- Interaction with Indigenous students at St Joseph’s School

3:00 pm onwards, activities.

Dinner

Wednesday 12th September

8:30 am- Visit the Cherbourg Mission

10:00 am- Depart Cherbourg

11:30 pm- Stop for Lunch

(Kilkivan Historical Hotel)

2:30 pm- Arrive back at MMCP
CHECKLIST
Students must wear and/or bring:

☐ Morning Tea & Lunch (Tuesday)
☐ Water bottle /hat/sunscreen/Mosquito repellent
☐ Backpack (small to carry all items)
☐ Spending money no more than $20:00
☐ Sleeping Bag/ or Doona/ Pillow/ Camp mat (optional)
☐ 2 T-shirt
☐ 1 pair Jeans/or tracksuit pants
☐ 1 Jumper
☐ 1 warm jacket
☐ Closed in shoes/ socks
☐ Thongs for showers
☐ Toiletries
☐ 1 bath towel
☐ Pyjamas
☐ Roll on Deodorant
☐ Torch

The following items are not to be taken on camp.

☐ Lollies/ sweets/ chewing gum
☐ No soft drink or energy drinks
☐ Illegal Substances
☐ Alcohol
☐ Cigarettes
☐ Spray cans (deodorants).

Please note that no electronic equipment is to be taken on this excursion and this includes iPods, cameras, and mobile phones.

Showers will be available to students on Tuesday evening at the local YMCA.

AFTER SCHOOL HOURS: STUDENT COORDINATOR

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Yours sincerely

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