21st April 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians

This letter is to advise you of a range of educational activities being undertaken by all Year 9 classes and their teachers in the week beginning Tuesday 19th May 2015. Below you will find the dates and a brief description for each activity. Please read these details, especially regarding dress code and meals, sign the attached permission slip and return it to the College no later than Monday 11th May 2015.

RETREATS (Religious Education)
Our Year 9 Retreats will be facilitated by Matthew Williams and held in various City locations. Retreats will begin at 9.00am and finish by 3.15pm. Full and correct sports uniform is to be worn. Students are to bring recess and lunch.

MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE WOODBRIDGE (Science)
Students will visit the Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre where they will be given a guided tour of the Centre, will participate in hands-on activities and collect animal and plant samples and data on the Centre’s Research boat. The day will give them an appreciation of the vast complexity of marine ecosystems. Each class will leave SMC at 8.45am and travel by bus to Woodbridge, returning by 3.10pm. Full and correct sports uniform is to be worn, as well as a warm, windproof jacket. A rainproof coat, scarf, beanie and gloves are also advised, as the conditions could be cold, wet and windy. Students are required to take their own lunch, snacks and water, as well as a pencil to work with. Students will be assessed on their participation on the day.

HISTORY FIELD TRIP (HaSS)
Year 9 students are currently studying “Making a Nation” in History. They will be taken on a walking tour of historic locations around Hobart that reflect our history from the 18th - 20th Century to deepen their understanding of this very significant historical period. This will include a visit to Angelsea Barracks, St David’s park, Salamanca Place and Battery Point. Students should wear full and correct PE uniform on this day and bring a hat, coat, clipboard, pens, a drink, morning tea and lunch. It will be difficult to allow students to purchase food as the schedule is full. Students who catch a bus from the city will be dismissed from the Salamanca area at 3:15 on the day. Other students will be walked back to SMC with the supervising staff.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

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Yours sincerely

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PERMISSION SLIP – YEAR 9 EXCURSION WEEK

Please return to your homeroom teacher by Monday 11th May 2015

STUDENT: ____________________________________________________________
(full name please)

HOME ROOM: __________

MEDICAL ALERTS:
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________
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PARENT: I have read all the information regarding the Year 9 excursion week, and give my permission for my daughter's full participation.

Signed __________________________ Date ________________