Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Year 9s are now into the final term of their year-long program, The Rite Journey. This letter is to inform you of two important events in The Rite Journey that will take place on Thursday, November 27.

At 9am, all the year 9s will be travelling by bus to Girl Guides Victoria’s Tallawalla Campsite at Moggs Creek. During the first part of the day, the Year 9s will share plates of homemade food in a picnic and have the chance to reflect on their year in small groups. This picnic will be a relaxed way for students to share their journeys with each other.

In the second part of the day, students will spend several hours in solitude and silence in “The Solo” to contemplate their place in the world and what sort of men and women they would like to become. The campsite has an expanse of trees and open space and students will be supervised. They will return home for collection at the normal time of 3pm.

On the same evening, parents are invited to a final gathering with their children to close The Rite Journey year with the “Homecoming Ceremony”. This will allow parents and/or mentors the opportunity to reflect on their children’s journey through the year with gratitude and give students a chance to express how they have grown, what they have learned about themselves, and what sort of man or woman they would like to become. This will be followed by shared dinner provided by the College during which parents can mingle.

Please return the permission slip and RSVP slip for the Homecoming Ceremony to the College Reception by Monday November 24th.

Summary

Year 9 Picnic and Solo Experience
Time: 9am-3pm Thursday, November 27
Where: Girl Guides Victoria’s Tallawalla Campsite at Moggs Creek.
What: Students must bring a plate/container of food they have made or prepared to share in a group picnic.

“The Homecoming” Ceremony
Time: 5.30pm-7pm Thursday, November 27
Where: G-block
What: Reflect on your child’s journey
Who: Parents and/or mentors are encouraged to attend

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Year 9

Return by Monday 24th November
TRJ Excursion

STUDENT’S NAME: ............................................................. CLASS: ...........

I give permission for my child to participate in the The Rite Journey excursion Thursday 27th November, which includes travelling by bus. In the event of any illness or accident, I authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, of such medical assistance as my child may require. I accept all operation, blood transfusions and /or anaesthetic risks involved and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

It is critical that you inform staff of any changes to recorded medical conditions and/or medications.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: .................................................. PHONE: ..............................

SIGNED: ................................................................. (Parent/Guardian) DATE: .................

PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION FORM AND THE SLIP BELOW BY MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 9 THE RITE JOURNEY “SOLO EXPERIENCE” AND “HOMECOMING CEREMONY”

STUDENT NAME: .............................................................

- I/We _______________________________ will be attending to support my/our son/daughter at the Homecoming Ceremony and dinner on Thursday November 27 in the G-Block from 5.30pm-7.00pm.

- My son/daughter’s Rite Journey Mentor _______________________will be attending the evening.

Signed ............................................. Date ....................

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