First Australians Urban Experience
Excursion Permission Form

Tuesday 23rd February

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, our Integrated Studies Unit this term is The First Australians. In order to help us understand more about The First Australians, we have organised an urban cultural experience. Conducted at Federation Square, students will break into three groups and rotate around three pre-planned activities:

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<td>Urban Koorie Experience</td>
<td>Facilitated by the Koorie Heritage Trust Cultural Education Service, students will receive an urban river tour along the banks of the Yarra River. An indigenous guide will teach students of the cultural significance of various city landmarks and landscapes.</td>
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<td>Screen Worlds Encounter</td>
<td>Students will receive a guided tour through the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) and then watch a film titled Screen Worlds: The Story of Film, Television and Digital Culture. Students will learn how the First Australians have contributed to film, television and digital culture.</td>
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<td>National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) Australian Art</td>
<td>Students will be led through the gallery with the purpose of viewing and understanding early Australian settlement and life through the impressionistic works of Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Charles Conder, Fred McCubbin and Jane Sutherland.</td>
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Getting There:
For the purpose of keeping the cost manageable and creating a unique excursion experience, it has been decided that students will travel by train to Flinders Street Station, leaving from Blackburn Station. In order to assist and ready ourselves for public transport travel, all students in Level 3 and Level 4 have been booked to receive a Metrotrains Safety Incursion on the 4th of March.

When: Because of tour group size restrictions, the excursion will be conducted on two separate days:
- Level 4: Tuesday 10th March (After the long weekend)
- Level 3: Thursday 12th March

Essential drop off and pick up information:
All students will need to be dropped off and picked up from Blackburn Train Station. Students will meet their teacher at the South Parade entrance to the Blackburn Train Stain Platform from 8:45 onwards. Once all students are present and accounted for, students and teachers will proceed to the platform for departure on the 9:29 train to Flinders Street Station. Students will travel from Flinders Street Station back to the Blackburn Train Station on the 2:30 train, arriving at Blackburn Train Station at 3:05. Students are to be collected from the South Parade entrance to the Blackburn Train Station from 3:05 onwards.

Before School and After School Care:
Parents of students who regularly attend before and after school care on these days and are unable to make alternate arrangements for either drop offs or picks ups will need to tick the appropriate box on the following page, thus giving permission for their children to travel in a comprehensively insured and registered vehicle driven by a member of staff. Only students registered for before or afterschool care on the days of the excursion will be transported by teaching staff to or from the Blackburn Train Station.

What to bring:
Students will require a light, small bag, big enough to house a hat, drink bottle, snack and lunch. Whilst school bags will be adequate, smaller bags would be preferred. Students will be responsible for carrying their own bags all day.
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Cost:
The cost of the excursion will be $25.00 which will be deducted from the excursion levy.

Staff Attendance:

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<td>Tuesday 10th March</td>
<td>4s</td>
<td>David Dowson, Shari Lo Presti, Judy Mansell</td>
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<td>Thursday 12th March</td>
<td>3s</td>
<td>Emma Maguinness, Annie Susanto, Natasha Rodrigues, Judy Mansell</td>
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Parent Helpers:
We would appreciate some parent helpers to assist with supervision of the students whilst on the excursion. If you are able to assist please see your child’s class teacher and we will select a name “out of a hat” if need be. (Please note: that Parent helpers assisting at an event outside of the school grounds require a Working with Children’s Check and need to be registered at the office.)

Permission Form Signing
Please sign the permission form below and send it back to school no later than Friday 27th of February. Please also select 1 of the 4 Pick Up and Drop Off plans shown below.

First Australians Urban Experience Permission Form
10th and 12th of March

I give permission for my child ____________________________ (full name) of Grade ______ to travel by train to attend the First Australians Urban Experience Excursion. Where it is impracticable to communicate with me, I give consent for my child to receive medical treatment as deemed necessary.

Signed: ____________________________       Date: __________________

In case of emergency on this day on this day, contact: ______________________ (name) ______________________ (ph)

Drop Off and Pick Up Planning
Please tick only 1 box!

1) Arrangements have been made for my child to be dropped off and picked up from the Blackburn Train Station at the above mentioned times.

2) My child attends before school care on their excursion date. I give permission for my child to travel from school to Blackburn Train Station in a fully registered and comprehensively insured vehicle driven by a staff member. I have made arrangements for them to be picked up from the Blackburn Train Station at the above mentioned times.

3) My child attends after school care on their excursion date. I give permission for my child to travel from Blackburn Railway Station back to school in a fully registered and comprehensively insured vehicle driven by a staff member. I have made arrangements for them to be dropped off at Blackburn Train Station in the morning at the above mentioned times.

4) My child attends both before and after school care on their excursion date. I give permission for my child to travel to and from Blackburn Railway Station in a fully registered and comprehensively insured vehicle driven by a staff member.