Monday, 29 February 2016

Proposed Coleambally Central School
Overseas Excursion
VIETNAM 2017

Dear Parents and Students

Thank you for your interest and commitment to this outstanding opportunity. There have been enough returned Expression of Interest forms, therefore approval has been given by our Director to proceed to the next stage in organising our overseas excursion to Vietnam.

Please note the slight change in dates from the presentation night information. The excursion would run from the 5th April - 14th April 2017 (Wednesday-Friday).

The cost of the excursion will be approximately $2700 excluding passport, visa, travel insurance and spending money (based on 20 students).

This amount covers –

- Return economy airfares with Qantas Airways Wagga-Sydney-Wagga (based on estimate)
- Overnight accommodation in Sydney with transfers (based on estimate)
- Return economy airfares with Vietnam Airlines ex Sydney
- Australian Prepaid airport/airline taxes and levies $575.00 per person
- Return airport transfers in Vietnam
- 4 x nights’ accommodation in 3* hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon Hotel or similar)
- 3 x nights’ accommodation in 3* hotel in Hoi An (Hoi An Trails or similar)
- Breakfast daily
- 2 x lunches /3 x dinners
- Tours and transfers as per itinerary
- Boat trip in Mekong Delta
- Cooking demonstration and lunch in Hoi An
- Entrance fees throughout
- English speaking guide with air-conditioned vehicle

It should also be noted that there will be some costs involved in the acquisition of a passport, visa and travel insurance.

What to do next:
Please complete and return the school’s Consent Form with your $300.00 deposit by Friday 11th March (Week 7 Term 1) 2016. As soon as the 10 deposits have been received I will notify you that the excursion is officially going to proceed. If the excursion does not proceed (e.g. the
minimum number of deposits to proceed are not received), then your deposit will be refunded immediately. Once we receive the minimum of 10 deposits, the funds will be sent to G.E.T and become non-refundable.

If the excursion proceeds then parents would have the following payment options.

1. Pay the full amount upfront by Friday 3rd June (Week 6 Term 2) (minus the $300.00 non-refundable deposit due Friday 11th March (Week 7 Term 1).
   OR
2. Pay in instalments as follows:

   - A $300 non-refundable deposit is due by Friday 11th March (Week 7 Term 1 2016). This deposit will be sent to G.E.T to secure our booking.
   - The first instalment paid in entirety - $800.00 by Friday 3rd June (Week 6 Term 2 2016)
   - The second instalment paid in entirety - $800.00 by Friday 26th August (Week 6 Term 3 2016)
   - The third and final instalment paid in entirety - $800.00 by Friday 18th November (Week 6 Term 4 2016).
   - Final payment will then be sent to G.E.T.

Of course, the instalment payments could also be paid in instalments provided the targets are reached by the due dates. Students will be invoiced for the full amount and parents can pay either by cash or cheque. There will be no school fundraising activities connected to this event. Please note: These costs are based on 2015 prices and may be subject to slight changes.

If you have any queries regarding this opportunity please feel free to contact me at school at your convenience.

It should also be noted that students need to be aware of the exemplary behavioural expectations that accompany this privilege. Disciplinary matters may lead to the removal of the invitation to travel.

If you are interested in your child participating in this tour please complete the attached Consent Form and return it to the office by 3.25 pm Friday 11th March (Week 7 Term 1), 2016 with your $300.00 deposit.

A detailed itinerary will be provided once our booking is finalised. Official Department of Education documentation will also be sent home to complete and return by the due date.

Yours sincerely

Meg Crelley
Mrs Meagan Crelley
PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents

Your child has registered interest in participating in an overseas excursion to Vietnam in April 2017. This excursion will be departing Coleambally Central School Wednesday 5th April, returning to Wagga airport on Friday 14th April. Exact departure and arrival details will be confirmed once the excursion has been booked. This proposed overseas excursion to Vietnam offers our students an outstanding educational opportunity, reflective of the Australian Curriculum’s cross-curricular priorities, general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas and key reforms. By exposing our students to such a unique learning experience we aim to support our student’s success as 21st century learners.

Students will be presented with many opportunities to develop an appreciation of cultural diversity and difference and an increased understanding of Vietnam’s links with aspects of Australian and international history to gain a deeper understanding of Australia’s engagement with our Asian neighbours. This focus is particularly pertinent given the current drive to develop ‘Asian literacy’ within our schools. Students will learn to be critical and creative thinkers during their learning journey, develop an understanding of complex ethical dilemmas as a result of Vietnam’s past and present relationship with Australia, supporting a deeper intercultural understanding between our nations.

Students’ personal and social capacity will thrive and an appreciation of difference and diversity will assist our students to embrace multiculturalism as an integral element to being a proud and successful Australian and an informed global citizen. The school’s first international excursion to Vietnam also aims to increase self-confidence through the travel experience, and to build resilience in individuals and teams who will no doubt face a variety of challenges during this journey. This experience allows us to support a holistic wellbeing approach to enable our students to connect, succeed and thrive in the world around them.

Many Stage 5 and Stage 6 syllabus outcomes will also be satisfied by this learning experience.

Thank you for your support in ensuring this excursion comes to fruition.

Meagan Crelley
Excursion Co-ordinator
Principal
Please return consent form and deposit to the office by Friday 11th March 2016
Coleambally Central School Proposed Overseas Excursion

CONSENT FORM

VIETNAM 2017

Please note: All consent/information forms are to be completed with the student’s name as it appears or will appear on his/her passport should the excursion proceed.

- I consent to ........................................................................................................................................................................................................
  in Year ............ (2017) participating in an overseas excursion to Vietnam, leaving Coleambally Central School on Wednesday 5th April 2017 and returning to Wagga Airport on 14th April 2017.
- I have paid my $300.00 non-refundable deposit due to G.E.T. I understand should the excursion proceed then my deposit becomes non-refundable.
- If the excursion proceeds then I/we would have the following payment options.
  ▪ Pay the full amount upfront by Friday 3rd June (Week 6 Term 2) (minus the $300.00 non-refundable deposit due Friday 11th March (Week 7 Term 1).
  OR
  ▪ Pay in instalments as follows:
    ▪ The first instalment paid in entirety - $800.00 by Friday 3rd June (Week 6 Term 2 2016)
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    ▪ The third and final instalment paid in entirety - $800.00 by Friday 18th November (Week 6 Term 4 2016).

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- I understand that there will be other costs associated with this excursion such as: passport, visa and spending money.
- I understand that my child is expected to behave in an appropriate manner at all times and that disciplinary matters may lead to the removal of this privilege to travel with the school.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Parent Signature                      Date

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Student Signature                     Date

Parent email: ________________________________