



LEVEL 10 URBAN EXPERIENCE CAMP, MELBOURNE

TUESDAY 23rd to FRIDAY 26th MAY 2017

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION & DEPOSIT REQUEST

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The following information is in regard to the **Level 10 Melbourne Urban Experience Camp**. This excursion has been conducted for 31 years, as it forms an important part of your child's **Level 10 experience**. It is hoped that all Level 10 students will be able to participate.

Some experiences your child can expect include the Eureka Skydeck, Melbourne Zoo, ice skating, ArtVo, the Jewish Holocaust Museum, university tours, the Queen Vic market, sporting museums, as well as an international live stage show which is always a highlight.

The cost of the Urban Experience also includes a 3-night stay at the Miami Hotel, coach travel, and most meals, including a variety of booked restaurants where staff and students enjoy a range of cuisine from other cultures. The opportunity to navigate Melbourne's public transport independently during the day is an invaluable experience in itself. (Students attend several mapping/planning classes prior to the Camp in preparation for use of public transport. Students will navigate their own way, with other students, to and from appointments during the day only. They are accompanied by teaching staff each evening/night.)

We expect that the total cost of the excursion will remain approximately \$550, less any fundraising your child participates in. The school is making every effort to keep costs to a minimum, and as part of that there will be the opportunity for individuals to fundraise to reduce the cost of their own trip.

This notice includes a request for a **NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** of **\$200** to ensure your child's place on this excursion. It is most important that we obtain an accurate indication of numbers early. The School must enter into a number of binding commercial agreements with bookings and accommodation arrangements that need to be made well before the excursion dates. We therefore ask that the **\$200 DEPOSIT be paid by Friday 3rd March please.**

A payment plan will be organised to assist you with paying the Camp in full by Friday 5th May.

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PURPOSE OF THE EXCURSION

To provide opportunities for students in their first year at Senior Level to:

- Experience a wide range of cultural, community, industrial, social, economic and recreational environments not available in the local area.
- Encourage independence and self-reliance in an unfamiliar urban environment.
- Become more aware of a greater range of career opportunities and facilities available at further education establishments.
- Allow students to enhance learning in course work that has been undertaken at school.
- Become more familiar with Melbourne and its public transport system. (Please note: Students travel around Melbourne CBD in groups of two or more, *during the day*, without direct teacher supervision. Students meet supervising teachers upon arrival at each activity. Students will always travel with teachers during evening/night activities and have direct supervision at all times.)
- Provide an opportunity to arrange and keep appointments in an independent, responsible and timely manner.

ACCOMMODATION: (3 night stay)

Miami Hotel

13 Hawke St
West Melbourne, 3003
Telephone: 03 9321 2444

UNIFORM

Students will be required to be in **full school uniform** when attending appointments *during the day*.

No student will be permitted on the excursion unless they are in full school uniform upon departure on the Tuesday morning!

Note: If new black shoes are needed please allow sufficient time to “walk them in”. There is a *significant amount of walking* undertaken and some students in previous years have suffered blisters due to wearing new shoes.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the School with any queries or concerns you have regarding **The Year 10 Urban Experience**. We sincerely hope that your child will commit to this invaluable Camp.

Regards,

Phil Rogers
Principal

Mark Nesbitt
Senior School Co-ordinator

Peter Jakober
Level 10 Co-ordinator



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DEPOSIT SLIP

Please return to the General Office by **Friday, 3rd March with a \$200 deposit.**
(We expect to be able to keep the entire cost of the Camp at or below \$550.)

Please find enclosed a deposit of _____ (at least **\$200**) for the **2017 Level 10 Urban Experience in Melbourne.**

Student: _____

Form Group: _____

Signed: _____ **Parent/Guardian**

Please note:

- This deposit is to ensure your child's place on the excursion. **Once a commitment to go is made it is of the understanding that the student will attend, and the payment of \$200 deposit is not refundable.**
- The Office is able to accept part-payments for this excursion and they can be made at any time. **Full payment will be required please by Friday 5th May.**
- Payment can be made by cash, credit card, cheque, BPAY (please contact office for reference numbers), direct deposit 083-820 460438847 (please quote student's name and Year 10 Urban Camp).

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any aspect of the payment plan for the Camp.

Vicki D'Amelio
Business Manager