



# KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

5<sup>TH</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents,

This year an overnight excursion is being planned for all students in Year 3 during week 10, on Wednesday 3rd April – Thursday 4th April 2019. The students will travel by **seat belted coach** to the Blue Mountains area. First they will visit **The Lithgow State Mine Heritage Park & Railway** where they will ride in a real mine transport, help the blacksmith forge metal and talk to a real coal miner. Following that the students will travel to **Historic Hartley**, a 19<sup>th</sup> century village consisting of 17 buildings of historical significance. **Then they will travel to the KCC Conference Centre for an overnight stay.**

The next day the students will travel to the **Scenic Railway** in the Blue Mountains National Park for a guided tour through the ancient rainforest and valley floor. The final stop before heading home is to the **Blue Mountains National Park Discovery Centre**. Students will experience the natural and cultural environment of the area as they are guided through the park by local Aboriginal Rangers.

These places have been carefully chosen as they directly relate to the work being studied by the children in History and Geography.

The children will be supervised at all times by their class teachers and all activities are run by qualified instructors.

An overnight excursion is a valuable way for students to begin developing independence and to prepare them for the overnight excursions in Years 4, 5 and 6. It is also a lovely opportunity for the students to bond with new students to the school, their class group and with their teachers. While we are aware that for some students this will be the first time they have stayed overnight away from home, we have found students thoroughly enjoy the experience and are kept too busy and excited to feel homesick.

The students will be staying in separate boys and girls rooms of no more than 10 students in each room. The teachers will also stay in this area.

Any special dietary needs will of course be fully catered for by KCC Conference Centre.



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This is the first note; there will be several others that will assist you in preparation for the excursion.

The cost of the excursion including entrance to all exhibits, travel, accommodation and meals is **\$190 per child**. Please send a **\$50 deposit** with the enclosed permission note at your earliest convenience to reserve your child's place.

Payment can be made by: cash, cheque or credit card at the school office or online.

Enclosed is a copy of the itinerary for your perusal.

Should you have any questions and concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Mr Harrison, Mrs Brooks, Miss Lyes, Mr McGhee and Ms McKenna

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## YEAR 3 OVERNIGHT EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the overnight excursion on **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. I understand the children will travel by bus and will be supervised at all times.

- I have enclosed \$50.00 deposit.
- I have paid \$50.00 **online**. Order number \_\_\_\_\_
- OR
- I have made the full payment of \$190 (online order number: \_\_\_\_\_)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_