



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Monday 29th March 2021 – Tuesday 30th March 2021** students in **Year 3** will travel by a **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 students will travel to the **Scenic Railway** in the Blue Mountains National Park for a guided tour through the ancient rainforest and valley floor. **Then they will travel to the KCC Mountain Camp** (119 Cliff Drive, Katoomba NSW 2780) **for an overnight stay.**

The following day, students will travel to the **Blue Mountains National Park Discovery Centre**. They will experience the natural and cultural environment of the area as they are guided through the park by local Aboriginal Rangers. The final stop before heading home is to **Historic Hartley**, a 19th century village consisting of 17 buildings of historical significance that students will be guided around.

A more detailed itinerary will be available in the coming weeks.

These places have been carefully chosen as they directly relate to the work being studied by the students in History and Geography. All venues and locations have been confirmed and they are safe and fully operational.

The students will be supervised at all times by their class teachers and all activities are run by qualified guides and 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 Mountain Camp.

The students will travel to and from the Blue Mountains area by coach departing school at **8:30am on Monday 29th March 2021** and returning to school at approximately at **4:30pm on Tuesday 30th March 2021.**

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Students are to wear and pack casual clothes for the excursion. They will need to bring a hat, comfortable walking shoes, water bottle and recess and lunch for Monday. A suggested packing list will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Please note that students **cannot order from the canteen** on Monday 29th March or Tuesday 30th March.

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 **\$195 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 online at <https://kentroad-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
When paying online please include the following payment description codes:

- **YEAR3EXFULL** (if paying \$195)
- **YEAR3EXDEP** (if paying the deposit \$50)
- **YEAR3EXDEP** (if paying the balance \$145)

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

Kind Regards,
Miss Lyes, Miss Lindsay, Miss Cramp, Miss McCarthy and Miss Cream

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Detach and return this signed consent form to your child's class teacher by **Friday 26th February 2021**.

Year 3 Blue Mountains Excursion

I give permission for _____ in class _____ to attend the **Year 3 Blue Mountains Overnight Excursion** on **Monday 29th March –Tuesday 30th March 2021**.

I understand the children will **travel by coach** and will be supervised by teachers at all times. I understand that my son / daughter will stay overnight at **KCC Conference Centre** (119 Cliff Drive, Katoomba NSW 2780)

I understand that my child will receive medical treatment in the case of an emergency.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication (including emergency medication) that will need to be administered during the excursion, parents are responsible for:

- Bringing this need to the attention of the school
- Ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- Supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way. The medication should be well within its expiry date.
- Collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication for the duration of the excursion. For some excursions the school will ask you to supply the medication in a different way to what has already been agreed to by school. You may be asked to supply an additional adrenaline autoinjector (i.e. EpiPen®) for example.

I have enclosed a \$50.00 deposit.

I have paid \$50.00 **online**. Order number _____

OR

I have made the full payment of \$195 (online order number: _____)

Online payment description codes:

- **YEAR3EXFULL** (if paying \$195)
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Signature _____ Date _____