24 August 2015

Dear Parents

As our Gold Coast Tour draws closer more details have become available and costing is now complete. The good news is due to a great airfare deal we have been able to lower the cost to $695 a student. Minor changes may still occur to this itinerary, however there are unlikely to be many.

**Day 1 Mon 23 Nov**

8.30am  - Arrive at school dressed in sports uniform as we are going directly to our first performance.
         - Leave luggage next to bus and proceed directly to the music room for Roll Call and equipment pick up.

9.00am  - Bus departs for Sydney Airport.

10.00am - Check in flight QF0862-Departing 11.45 am.

12.15pm - Arrive Gold Coast Airport.

1.30pm-2.30pm - Perform-Concert Band/Jazz Band.

3.00pm  - Return to accommodation – Aussie Resort, Burleigh Heads.

4.00pm  - Free time/grocery shopping (only for students who need supplies).

6.00pm  - Walk to dinner at Burleigh Heads Surf Club, 6.30pm booking.

7.30pm  - Return to accommodation-free time until 9.30pm.

10.00pm - Lights out.

**Day 2 Tues 24 Nov**

8.00am  - Breakfast/shower etc.

9.15am  - Depart accommodation-travel to Coolangatta.

10.30am-11.30am - Perform at Twin Towns Resort Concert Band/Jazz Band.
                   - Pack up, return to bus. Change to casual clothes

12.30pm - Arrive at Cavill Mall, Surfers Paradise.

2.30pm-4.30pm - Timezone school package - 2 hour games.
                   1 laser tag, dodgems, mini golf.

5.00pm  - Return to Aussie Resort.

6.30pm  - Dinner at Accommodation-Pizza.

Free time until 9.30pm.

10.00pm - Lights out.
Day 3 Wed 25 Nov

7.30am               Breakfast/shower etc.
8.30am               Depart Burleigh Heads for Dreamworld.
10.00am-11.00am     Perform at Dreamworld, Concert Band/Jazz Band.
                    Pack bus change clothes for free time at Dreamworld approx.
                    11.30am-5.30pm.
6.30pm               Walk to Burleigh Chinese Restaurant for dinner.
8.30pm               Free time.
10.00pm              Lights out.

Day 4 Thurs 26 Nov

8.00am               Breakfast/shower etc.
9.00am               Depart for Wet and Wild.
10am-5.00pm           Free time.
                      Early dinner on return journey at McDonald’s/K.F.C.
7.00pm               Possible evening performance.
10.00pm              Lights out.

Day 5 Friday 27 Nov

7.30am               Breakfast/shower etc.
                      Clean rooms, pack bags.
9 am                 Room inspection.
10.15am              Pack bus.
10.45am              Depart for Gold Coast Airport.
10.00am              Flight QA0863 Departs 12.50
3.20pm               Arrive Sydney Airport.
4.40pm approx.       Return to school – unpack bus & equipment.
4.45pm               Dismissal.

What to bring:
Band uniform – band shirt, black socks, school shoes, black pants
Casual wear for theme parks and a warm jacket
Swimmers/ beach towel/sunscreen
Pyjamas
Footwear suitable for long walks
Toiletries
Cards, board games etc, for free time at night
Lunch for Monday

Money
Money for lunch on Tuesday to Friday will be needed unless you make yourself some
sandwiches each day and take these with you to the theme parks. Any other spending money
is up to you and at your own risk. Food at the theme parks is very expensive, so we suggest
taking snacks and a refillable water bottle.
**Electrical items/phones**
These may be brought with you (eg. Mp3, ipods, mobile phones etc) but are at your own risk. You must take care of them and not ask the teachers to mind them for you.

**Food**
Dinner each evening will be included. Lunch is to be brought with you for Day 1 then either purchased at the theme parks or made at your accommodation and taken with you.

Breakfast – each flat is fully self-contained with cooking facilities. Each group of boys will be given milk, juice and bread (unlimited) for the week to cater for breakfast and snacks. You must bring your own vegemite, peanut butter, jam, cereal etc. to go with these provisions.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING A HUGE AMOUNT OF LOLLIES AS WE DO NOT WANT ILLNESS DUE TO AN EXCESS OF SWEETS.

**Luggage Limits**
As we have much percussion equipment and heavy amplifiers to be transported within our luggage allowance, each student is restricted to 15kg – this includes music and music stand. Please pack smaller instruments such as clarinets, flutes and trumpets in suitcases to allow us to take percussion pieces as well. If your case is overweight you will be asked to repack at school, which could be both time wasting and embarrassing. The weather is hot in Queensland so shorts, t-shirts and swimmers should suffice.

**Transport**
Most students will travel by bus, but the largest bus available is 54 seats, which when counting supervisors as well is not enough. We will be hiring a mini bus as well, so students may be asked to travel in this vehicle.

Could you please complete the Medical and Swimming form below and return it to the College by Friday 17/10/13. As you have already paid a deposit of $150 the balance of payment to be made is $545.00. This to be made in full also by this date directly to Shire Travel. Details are attached.

It is also suggested that you consider taking out Travel Insurance to cover any out of pocket expenses that may be incurred due to sickness or loss of baggage etc. Students are covered for accidents while on a school excursion. Please see the attached flyer.

I would just like to thank all the families for their wonderful help in fundraising for this event. We would not be able to conduct a tour such as this without your help. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Cathy Moran  
Band Coordinator

Mr Peter Halpin  
Assistant Principal
2015 BAND TOUR: GOLD COAST 23 TO 27 NOVEMBER 2015
MEDICAL FORM AND
SWIMMING PERMISSION

STUDENTS NAME ______________________________________ HOME ROOM _____________
PARENTS NAME _____________________________________________

PHONE
Father - Home _______________ Business _______________ Mobile _______________
Mother - Home _______________ Business _______________ Mobile _______________

MEDICAL FUND ___________________ MEDICARE NUMBER _______________________

KNOWN ALLERGIES _______________________________________________________
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ANY MEDICATION REGULARLY TAKEN _______________________________________
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ANY MEDICAL CONDITION WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF (eg Asthma) _________________
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ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ______________________________________________

ANY MEDICATION BROUGHT ON THE TRIP MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED AND TEACHER
INFORMED OF DOSAGE.

If your son is prone to travel sickness could you please supply him with travel
sickness tablets.

I give permission for my son/daughter ______________________________________ to
attend the 2015 Band Tour to the Gold Coast on Monday 23 to Friday 27 November 2015.
I understand that travel will be by bus, plane and vehicle driven by teacher.

I do / do not give my son/daughter permission to swim on the Band Tour. This is at
the beach and in pools under supervision.

Is there any special information regarding swimming that we need to know?

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PARENT SIGNATURE _________________________ DATE ____________

PARENT NAME: _______________________________ (please print)

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO MRS MORAN BY FRIDAY 17/10/15.