25 February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 9 SKI TRIP / OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CAMP

One of the aims of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education course at Edmund Rice College is to introduce the students to a wide range of recreational experiences. As part of this program, Year 9 students will, this year, be given the choice of two activities:

In Week 4 of Term 3 (Sunday 2nd August – Friday 7th August) the annual Year 9 Ski Trip/Outdoor Camp will be held. It is compulsory for students to participate in either the Ski Trip or Outdoor Camp.

1. The ski excursion gives students the opportunity to learn to ski, together with the social benefit of being away with peers and teachers in a variety of co-operative situations. This excursion has been held each year for the past 30 years and the College believes it to be a valuable learning experience.

2. Those students who choose not to attend the Ski Trip will attend an Outdoor Activity Camp during that week from Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August. Details will be provided at a later date.

While the excursions are not until the week 2nd August – 7th August, the nature of accommodation used means that firm bookings must be made and deposits sent within the next few weeks. Consequently, we need to know the number of students who will be undertaking the Ski Trip or Outdoor Activity Camp.

Decisions upon those who may attend the ski excursion will initially be made on the basis of the student’s position on the Discipline Level System and behaviour record. It is also expected that all compulsory school fees will have been attended to, or alternative arrangements made with the College Business Manager (Mr Jeffery), for your son to be eligible for inclusion in the Ski Trip. Payment of a deposit does not guarantee a position on the ski trip. Students excluded from the ski trip will receive a refund of their deposit.

Accommodation
Bungarra Alpine Centre offers comfortable dormitory style accommodation, large common room and good meals. The flexibility allowed by staying at Bungarra allows us to maximise our daily ski time. Hot lunches are provided each day at Friday Flat restaurant at Thredbo.
COSTING
The cost of the Outdoor Camp is already included in your son's school fees account.

However, additional payment required for the Ski Trip is:
$375 deposit by Friday 20th March, $375 balance by Friday 19th June

TOTAL AMOUNT: $750.00

The cost of the Ski Trip includes:
- Coach travel to and from Jindabyne and then Thredbo daily
- Accommodation at the Bungarra Alpine Centre Jindabyne for 5 nights
- 3 meals per day (except Day 1, Day 6 - no lunch / dinner)
- 5 Day Ski Lift pass at Thredbo
- 6 x 2 hour Ski Lessons from Thredbo Ski School
- Ski and Boot Hire (includes new carve skis)
- Snowboarding for an additional cost (of approximately $40).
  This is to be paid with the second payment
- All skiers and snowboarders must wear a helmet (supplied)

This cost is significantly less than the normal cost of an equivalent week’s skiing e.g. a lift/lesson ticket for one day is normally at least $110.00.

Students must supply their own ski jacket and pants (can be hired or borrowed).

Please indicate which activity your son will be attending and return the Reply Slip below by Friday 20th March with $375 deposit if attending the Ski Trip. (Deposit is payable by EFTPOS, credit card, cash or cheque – cheques to be made payable to “Edmund Rice College”)

NB: Students are liable to pay for damage to any equipment. Snowboards seem to be more vulnerable to damage.

Yours sincerely

MR P McCAMMON
Head of PDHPE

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REPLY SLIP - TO BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Son's Name: ____________________________________________ Home Room: ________

I give my son permission to attend the activity as indicated below:

(Please tick) ☐ Ski Trip ☐ Outdoor Camp

Students who intend going on the Ski Trip must pay $375 deposit by Friday 20th March.

Please indicate below method of payment for Ski Trip Deposit:

☐ Cash (enclosed in envelope with Reply Slip) ☐ EFTPOS ☐ Credit Card

☐ Cheque payable to Edmund Rice College (enclosed in envelope with Reply Slip)

Signed: ____________________________________________ (Parent/Carer) Date: ______________