24 February 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 8 SURF EDUCATION AND AWARENESS COURSE

Year 8 students will be attending a Surf Education and Awareness Course during Week 8 of Term 1 at Bulli Beach next to Sandon Point Surf Life Saving Club. This activity is compulsory for all students as it covers aspects of the Year 7–10 PDHPE and Geography Curriculums, provides essential knowledge and skills for boys who live on the coast and is an excellent pastoral activity for the Year 8 cohort.

The program is run by Surf Educate Australia. SEA Australia was formed in 1998 to provide activity programs to Australian Schools including vital aquatic survival content. SEA has obtained the services of the very best surf instructors from competitive surfers and surf lifesavers, lifeguards and sports coaches to conduct the on-beach activities.

Students will undergo activities on the beach and in the water to enhance their understanding of rips and surf behaviour. Participation in each activity occurs regardless of swimming ability. The high ratio of lifesavers to students helps ensure activities are conducted with all due care. An initial surf education lesson will be delivered to the boys at school on Tuesday 3rd March.

Further information regarding SEA can be found on their website www.seaaustralia.com.au

DATE: Monday 16th March, 2015 (Home Rooms C5, C6, C8)
      Tuesday 17th March, 2015 (Home Rooms C4, C7, C16)

VENUE: Sandon Point Surf Life Saving Club, Bulli Beach

TRANSPORT: Travel by bus to and from Sandon Point

TIME: Normal school day. Buses depart ERC at 8.30am after Administration and return to the College in time for afternoon buses.

COST: All costs for this activity are covered by the College

FOOD: Students are to bring all food and drink requirements for the day.

CLOTHING: Students are to wear their College Sports Uniform to and from the venue. They are required to bring their swimming costume, rash vest or t-shirt, hat, towel and sunscreen.

Please sign and return the Permission Slip AND SEA Waiver form by Friday 6th March to your son’s Home Room Teacher.

Yours sincerely,

MR P PREEO
Year 8 Coordinator

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I give permission for my son ________________________________ of Home Room ______ to attend the Surf Education and Awareness excursion on Monday 16th March (Home Rooms C5, C6, C8) or Tuesday 17th March (Home Rooms C4, C7, C16)

Swimming Level – please tick the appropriate box:

☐ A  Currently doing squad training at least once a week or has represented the College at Swimming

☐ B  Has had formal lessons in past years and can swim 50m comfortably

☐ C  A non-swimmer / never had formal lessons / needs to be supervised during all water activities

Signed: ________________________________ (Parent/Carer)  Date: ____________