Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Proforma

Parent Excursion Consent

Name of school:
Burwood Heights Primary School

Title of excursion:
Real Life Adventures: Farmer Wants a Cow

Educational purpose of the program:
Deep learning exists when students are exposed to an experience to which they can connect. We want to give students the opportunity to go beyond the schoolyard boundaries and have first-hand involvements. Students will explore the whole process; from natural, to industrial, to consumable.

The adventure to the farm will give students the opportunity to witness the life of a farmer while enjoying the experience of camping. It will enhance how they see and understand themselves, and their collective background, through hands on demonstrations.

In general, this adventure will provide students with basic knowledge and skills about farms. How they operate and sustain the cattle and the vineyard. It will link the concrete and actual with the theoretical that we are often limited to in the classroom.

Students will develop interpersonal skills by completing activities and duties in groups, setting up tents, cabin rules and sharing conversations around a camp fire. Opportunities to demonstrate responsibility and everyday living skills are encouraged (care of belongings and dressing appropriately).

Details of supervising staff:
Chris Rhyder (Teacher in charge)
Peter Le Ray
Deb Richards (Parent – relative of farm owners)

Costs:
Students are required to pay $40.00 for the adventure.

Name and contact details of the 24-hour school emergency contact:
Chris Rhyder 0422 447 703
Hew Richards – Mobile: 0409 408 977  House: 03 5429 5565

Departure details
Depart Burwood Heights Primary School 17th April at 9.00am
Students will depart from the main gate of the school at 9:00am on April 17th. They will be transported by bus to Midhill Farm where the program will commence.

Return details
Return to Burwood Heights Primary School 18th April at approximately 3.00pm
Students will return to the school’s main gate by 3:30pm on April 18th. If there is a significant delay parents will be contacted by the school.

Distance from expert medical care:
The students will be within 30 minutes’ drive of The Kyneton District Health Service Hospital (36 kilometres from farm) throughout the expedition – this may be affected by weather conditions.

Accommodation arrangements:
Students will be camping in tents throughout the program. Students will only be allowed to share tents with students of the same gender.

Travel arrangements:
Students will be transported by mini-bus to the farm and Kyneton Saleyards. The bus will be driven by Deb Richards who is a qualified driver. In addition, an emergency vehicle will be driven with the mini-bus to the farm on Wednesday and back to school on Thursday. This vehicle will be driven by Robyne Bell. While on the farm and visiting Kyneton Saleyards, an emergency vehicle will be provided by Hew Richards. In the case of emergency, students will be transported by the private car.

Adventure activities to be undertaken or that may be offered to students throughout the program:
Explain farm safety hazards, Examine Electric fences, Feed cows and calves, Witness birthing, a vineyard walk, visit the cattle sale yard in Kyneton.

A risk management plan for this program has been developed by staff and is available for parents to review on request.
**Student behaviour**
‘I understand that in the event of my son’s/daughter’s misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a danger to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I further understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.’

**ICT/Photograph consent**
‘I agree to my child using the Internet and computer network in accordance with the same Internet student users’ agreement that applies at their current school.’ [Strike out if you do not consent]

‘I also consent to my child being photographed and/or visual images of my child being taken during activities by the school for use in the school’s publications, school’s website or for publicity purposes without acknowledgment and without being entitled to any remuneration or compensation.’ [Strike out if you do not consent]

**Student accident insurance**
The Department of Education does not provide student accident cover. Parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

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**Parent consent**
I have read all of the above information provided by the school in relation to the Level Four Melbourne Discovery Camp including any attached material.

I give permission for my daughter/son ___________________________ (full name) to attend.

Parent/guardian: ___________________________________________ (full name)

__________________________________________ (signature) ____________ (date)

In case of emergency I can be contacted on:
__________________________________________ OR:
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