



29 October 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 8 Activities Week - Walk/ Reflection Day / Zoo Excursion (17 - 19 November 2020)

This year has presented a unique and challenging series of events. The initial Activities Week scheduled for Term 3 had to be postponed, however we are now delighted that in Week 6 of this term we can provide Year 8 with the opportunity to reconnect as a pastoral group.

Monday 16 Nov	Tuesday 17 Nov	Wednesday 18 Nov	Thursday 19 Nov	Friday 20 Nov
Normal school day	Cape Solander Coastal Walk	Reflection Day	Taronga Zoo	Student Free Day (Staff Spirituality Day)

Year 8 will participate in three activities which provide them with a diverse range of experiences. These activities are integral components of both the Year 8 Pastoral Program and various key learning area courses.

Please refer to the attached information for more details on these activities and complete the permission sheet on Page 4.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matt Manahan
Year 8 Pastoral Leader

Activity 1: Cape Solander Coastal Walk

Date:	17 November 2020
Time:	8:45am - 2:00pm
Venue:	Kurnell National Park (8.45am roll call at DLS Caringbah)
Transport:	Students will travel by bus to Kurnell National Park
Departure:	9:10am
Return:	Students will be dismissed from Don Lucas Reserve at approx 2:00pm
Uniform:	College sports uniform
What to bring:	In a small backpack students will be required to bring their own recess and lunch, water and a hat.

This coastal walk will tie into the theme that Year 8 has focused on this year that Gratitude is Infectious. This day will provide students with an opportunity to explore a natural location in their own community. Students are encouraged to take the time to reconnect with students and staff inside their year group.

Activity 2: Reflection Day

Date:	18 November 2020
Time:	8.30am - 2:00pm (8.30am roll call at Munro Park)
Venue:	Elouera Surf Club, Cronulla
Transport:	Students will meet at Monro Park and walk to Elouera Surf Club
Return:	Students will be dismissed from Eloura Surf Club at 2:00pm
Uniform:	Appropriate casual clothes with closed-in shoes
What to bring:	In a small backpack students will be required to bring their own recess and lunch, water and a hat.

This day will provide students with an opportunity to explore their own spirituality. Reflection days are an integral and mandatory part of our overall Religious Education program. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your son to examine his own faith, as well as the gifts and talents which he possesses.

Activity 3: Taronga Zoo

Date:	19 November 2020
Time:	8:00am - 2:45pm
Venue:	Taronga Zoo, Mosman (8.am roll call at DLS Caringbah)
Transport:	Students will travel by bus to Taronga Zoo, Mosman
Departure:	8:20am
Return:	Students will be dismissed from DLS Caringbah at approx 2:45pm
Uniform:	College Sports Uniform
What to bring:	In a small backpack students will be required to bring their own recess and lunch, water, a pen and a hat.

This excursion will provide students with the opportunity to observe animals and discuss concepts around classification, food webs and adaptations. It will also expose them to job opportunities in the zoology field; interacting and talking with scientists that work at the zoo. Ecology is one of the most difficult areas of science to complete practical work in which makes the zoo excursion a crucial step in the students' learning.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROHIBITED ITEMS: No sharp objects (knives etc.) or glass containers, etc are to be brought to any activity. Banned substances are strictly prohibited and will be dealt with in accordance to school rules.

VALUABLES: Due to the nature of the activities valuables and electronic devices are taken at your own risk. Staff will not be responsible for these items.

MEDICATION: Students with asthma inhalers or epipens should carry them at all times during the activities. Please note that we will be using medical data which you have already provided the college. If you need to update your son's medical condition, please do so by emailing the college at info@dlscaringbah.catholic.edu.au

COST: The cost of these activities have been included into your son's school fees.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: In the unlikely event that a student is dismissed from any of the activities due to behaviour, parents will be notified and they will need to collect their son from the venue.

To be returned by Wednesday, 4 November to your son's Homeroom teacher.

YEAR 8 ACTIVITIES WEEK

STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

PARENT PERMISSION

Parents are required to tick both boxes in order for their son to be able to participate in the activities.

I give permission for my son to attend the activities in Week 6.

I understand that should my son behave in a manner which is contrary to the college's expectations, I will be asked to collect him from the venue and bring him home.

PARENT NAME: (please print) _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____