



2023

YEARS 7-12 GENERAL INFORMATION AND PERMISSION NOTE

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Background: We wish to inform parents and carers that students in Years 7-12, Science, Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) and Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE), Technical and Applied Studies (TAS) and Mathematics courses may be involved in a variety of activities that may take them outside the classroom. Some of these activities will involve utilizing the many local environments in our area. As decisions to use these facilities for lessons may be made with relatively short notice, and in the instance of Jetty Beach and England's Park, may be a fairly regular occurrence, it is not practical to notify parents each time and this letter seeks to make you aware of this situation.

In **Science and HSIE**, through Field Studies of local environments, students gain an appreciation of our wonderful ecosystems and how they are utilised and managed in our local area. Students may, for example, be researching rock formations at Gallows Beach, local estuaries surrounding Coffs Creek and the Botanic Gardens or be guided on a cultural Gumbaynggirr tour around Mutton Bird Island and Jetty Beach. Students will not be swimming during any Science or HSIE lessons.

In **PDHPE** lessons, students will participate in practical activities involving athletics, games, aquatics and fitness and will develop an understanding of how their involvement in physical activity is linked to their overall health and wellbeing. This may involve walking to and from local venues (e.g. Englands Park, the Jetty Foreshores and Jetty Beach). Parents should be aware that all physical activity involves some inherent risk. In order to increase the safety level all CHHS staff are committed to reviewing current practices regularly, to ensure that they are following Department of Education and Communities, NSW policy "Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity". Students participating in water based activities will be required to be 'Sun Safe' (this will include rash shirts for Year 7).

To enable the **CAPA and TAS** Faculties to effectively run innovative programs it is necessary, occasionally, to leave the school to visit particular places of interest in the local environment for their purposes of research, drawing, painting and photography. Venues within the Jetty precinct include Coffs Creek, The Jetty Beach, Muttonbird Island and the Edinburgh Street lookout. CAPA students will also visit the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, the Culture Hub at Coffs Central and The Bunker Cartoon Gallery.

To make **MATHEMATICS** more hands on and relatable it is necessary for classes to occasionally to leave the school grounds and utilise the local environment for activities such as ones which involve measurement and collecting information for statistical analysis. Venues would include The Jetty Beach and Coffs Creek. Students will not be swimming during any Mathematics lessons.

Staff are required to make professional judgements each day about the safe conduct of their lessons and parents can be assured that every effort is made to conduct activities in the safest possible manner. Students are supervised by teachers from the school who have Emergency Care, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation certification and DET Approved Swimming supervision qualifications at all times.

Behaviour must be exemplary and students must adhere to the school's Code of Behaviour. Students will need to exhibit maturity and follow instructions diligently when they are in public.

If additional information is pertinent or should you have any concerns regarding these arrangements, please contact the Faculty Head or the classroom teacher so that they can be discussed.

Please complete the permission note over, indicating you have read and understood the above information.



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Please return the following Permission slip to the School Office

STUDENTS NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

Parental Consent (tick each box)

I hereby consent to my child participating in all school based activities. This includes walking to and from local venues for sporting activities, Jetty Beach for swimming activities and educational excursions within the Coffs Harbour Jetty precinct.

I understand that my child will be under the supervision of suitably qualified Teacher/s at all times.

I am aware of the school's Code of Behaviour and agree that if my child/ward seriously contravenes behavioural expectations, he/she may be excluded from future school based activities.

In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, of an ambulance and any such medical assistance that my child may require.

I will update details in the future if anything changes.

Students in Year 11 or Year 12 are only permitted to leave the school grounds during breaks.

Please indicate your child's swimming ability (tick appropriate box)

- A Strong Swimmer: My child is a strong Swimmer & Confident in deep water
- An Average Swimmer: My child is an average swimmer and is reasonable confident in deep water
- A Weak Swimmer: My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well
- Non-Swimmer: My child is unable to swim and/or has chosen not to swim in PDHPE lessons

Additional Medical Information

The NSW Department of Education collected medical information about your child at enrolment. This information is stored electronically. Please give full details of any new or updated medical information which may affect your child's full participation in any school based activities.

Parent / Guardian signature: _____