Year 10 Interstate Trip | General Information

**Vision**

God is good, and God’s gifts are abundant. The Year 10 Trip, supported by shared Christian beliefs, aims to develop healthy relationships and challenge participants, whilst experiencing God’s bounty, which is Australia.

**Mission Statement**

The Trip will provide opportunity for the development of healthy relationships between students, and between staff and students. The Trip will provide new experiences and push participants beyond their comfort zones. In all of this, the Trip will provide an opportunity for participants to experience the majesty of God.

**What?**

The Year 10 Interstate Trip is a three week bus trip around Australia which focuses on relationships and character development, team building, experiencing big city life, vocational and further educational awareness, fun, history, government, interschool activities and the different and changing communities of Australia.

This trip is a highlight of schooling at for Year 10 Students at NTCC. It has been running for almost 30 years and has only been cancelled once in that time. Past students always speak about the experiences and growth they shared on the trip. It is team building, binding students together for future study with NTCC.

**Key Dates**

- Year 10 Interstate Trip ................................ Friday, 19 August – Thursday, 8 September
- Parent Expression of Interest Forms ................................................................. 1 April 2016
- Commitment Forms ................................................................................................... 1 April 2016
- Deposit of $500 ................................................................. 1 April 2016 ( invoiced in School Fees)
- 2nd Payment Due ................................................................. 20 June 2016 ( invoiced in School Fees)
- Final Payment Due ................................................................. 12 August 2016 ( invoiced in School Fees)

Trip Planning Meetings (for staff and parents involved) Weekly (Tuesday 5:30pm) from mid Term 2

**Trip Fees**

The cost of the trip is approximately $2,100 per student, which is broken down to:

- Cost to students is $1,750
- PACER Funding - $260
- Fundraising - $110

The Year 10 Trip fees will be invoiced with the School Fees. It is required that all Year 10 Trip Fees as well as Term 1 and Term 2 School Fees are paid and up to date prior to **Friday, 19 August** when the students depart. Please contact Debbie Fry (debbie.fry@ntschools.net) regarding payment options.
Spending Money

Spending money $150-$200 (this is additional and is not included in the trip fees). We run an in-house bank for the trip and students are encouraged to deposit this amount for spending (it can be paid in cash to Michelle Chilton, Senior School Administration). The in-house bank limits the amount of money on the buses during the trip and the risk of large sums of money being lost or stolen, and provides students with access to the money when EFTPOS facilities are not available. Students may bring Debit cards, but they may not have ready access to ATM’s.

Students are encouraged to make regular payments so that the full cost of the trip is not left to the final due date.

Fundraising

- Individual Fundraising

It has been policy in past years to encourage each student to raise a portion, or all, of their camp costs, so that parents don’t carry the burden. This is obviously a point of discussion with your student. I encourage them to be involved in some of the following ways:
  o Cadbury Chocolates - students raise $20 or more for each carrier sold and they are available through Teagan West in the SSC/Senior School office
  o Individual or small group efforts. Ideas; Muffins/cakes for sale, Carwash, BBQ’s etc.
  o Casual employment

- Group Fundraising

This assists with the trip costs, admission fees and ‘special’ events such as skiing / snowboarding (Canberra), and the Harbour Cruise experience (Sydney). This does not come off individual student fees. All students are expected to be involved in these activities in some way as they support the running of the trip. Additionally, parent support is also required.

The activities which occur as part of the fundraising efforts are:
  o Swimming Carnival BBQ
  o Sale of the Darwin Entertainment Book
  o Collection of recycles drink containers
  o Other as determined throughout the year

Living on the Road

Duty groups: Each student will be a member of a group which will be rostered on duties such as Cook’s Prep, Clean up, Bus maintenance, photographers etc. This allows students to take ownership of the trip and means that the trip runs smoothly.

Our Food trailer provides our ‘kitchen’. This means there are limited kitchen facilities.

Accommodation has been booked for Woodhouse Scout Camp, YWAM Canberra, Youth Hostels Sydney and we are seeking Churches and schools for our Sydney onwards journey. (This means students require an inflatable mattress and sleeping bag)
No students are to leave the trip! Opportunities for visitors (relatives and friends) to join us will be provided at each major location.

Laundry: Opportunity is given for students to wash on two occasions. Students need to provide money for the Laundromat (approximately $10 per student). A small laundry bag for underwear is also necessary.

Devotions are undertaken regularly, with 10 Bible Study sessions throughout the trip.

Daily staff/leaders meetings are held each evening to allow the staff to debrief and plan for the following day.

Bags, clothing and other items for the trip:

- Bag/case size must be a standard sports bag, as we have limited space under the coach. NO suitcases please, these make packing the coach too difficult.
- Bedroll – no swag mattresses (they are too bulky and we have limited space). It works well if students make a bedroll using a tarp/canvas cover, lilo/foam mat, sleeping bag, sheet or liner, roll and secure with reusable ties. It is also useful to have extra plugs and a repair kit. Do not put blanket and pillow in the roll – these will be needed on the bus for overnight travel.
- Water bottle – for personal water supply on the bus, to encourage drinking and prevent dehydration in dry climate.
- Waterproof jacket/raincoat – for wet/rainy days and for the snow.
- Gloves, beanie, scarf – will ease the impact of cold weather and will be useful for ice-skating and the snow.
- Sunglasses – these are essential for our day at the snow to prevent snow-blindness.
- Enclosed shoes (not just thongs) – are essential and it is expected that footwear will be worn at all times.
- Toiletries – NO AEROSOLS are allowed on the trip (restriction due to fire systems at Woodhouse and the comfort of other students). Please limit toiletries to the essentials.
- Mobile phones, MP3 players etc will have limited use. Music is for listening to on the coach when travelling long distances only and must not be used off the coach. (i.e. no use at night). Mobile phones are to be switched off and not used (not just put on silent) when requested by staff. Time will be available in the evening to contact family. If students can’t use these items responsibly they will be confiscated for the remainder of the trip. Please discuss this with your child and encourage responsible use. These items are the responsibility of your child and they take them on the trip at their own risk. Power points for charging phones may be scarce in some of our accommodation and phones will not be easily charged.
- Appropriate clothing – please note that students need to be dressed modestly at all times and as such girls are not to bring spaghetti strap singlet tops, tops with plunging necklines, short skirts, or short shorts. All students will also need to be dressed appropriately for sleeping. It is cold and layers are encouraged. From Coober Pedy until Blackall in Queensland students will not be permitted to wear shorts or T-shirts / singlets etc. The weather is too cold and from experience this is when students get sick.
Medicines and tablets

Medical forms must be filled out for each student participating in the trip.

Students are not to have pain relievers or medication (excluding ventolin) in their possession on the trip. If these are required they are to be handed in and will be administered by the camp First Aid Officer.

If your child has any medical condition or requires daily medication it may be necessary for you to fill in an additional form.

Snacks

To reduce costs each student is required to bring food for a morning and afternoon tea (for about 20). Some examples are individual packets of chips, muesli bars, fruit sticks, individual packets of biscuits etc. These should be bought to school on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to departure. (Containers will not be returned so please use disposable containers).

Departure and Return

All students are required to attend school at Marrara Campus from 8:00am on Friday, 19 August to assist in final preparations for the trip. We will depart at approximately 12:00 noon. Please ensure that all students are dressed appropriately for coach travel (i.e. comfortable clothing with warm clothing to change into).

We hope to be back at Marrara Campus after school on Thursday, 8 September. The students are expected to assist in cleaning and packing away equipment and cleaning vehicles on their return. All students will be expected to assist in this task and will work on different tasks based on their duty groups. Students will not be released to go home until these tasks are completed. While it is hoped that this will occur by 5:00pm, it will be dependent on our arrival time.

Under no circumstances will students be able to be picked up until the task of cleaning has been completed and rolls marked.

Please feel free to contact the school to ask any questions if you have any concerns or if there is anything we may have overlooked.

Kind regards

Karen Kidd
Year 10 Trip Coordinator