INFORMATION SHEET NO. 1

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 8,

YEAR 8 COASTAL STUDIES EXCURSION - MOONEE BEACH

A four day excursion has been arranged for Year 8 students of Duval High to be held from Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} March to Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} March 2015.

COST: The cost will be $110 to be paid in full by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} March 2015.

TRAVEL: Travel will be by bus.

ITINERARY

Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} March: Depart Duval High School at 8.00am
Travel via Dorrigo and Boambee Headland
Destination: Moonee Beach Reserve

Wednesday/Thursday: Activities in Moonee Beach area

Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} March: Return to Armidale via Guy Fawkes National Park (Ebor)
arriving at DHS at approximately 2.30pm

GENERAL AIMS

As teachers, we aim to build upon the knowledge and social skills learnt by children during the Year 7 Warrumbungles Excursion. This, however, does not mean that any student who missed the Year 7 trip will be unable to attend the coastal excursion.

KNOWLEDGE AIMS

Students will be studying the following:

- Coastal landforms and mapping - Boambee Headland
- Orienteering
- The tides
- Settlement and land use Mutton Bird Island and Coffs Harbour
- Raft building
- Aboriginal Cultural Studies

Students will be supplied with a display folder for their worksheets and parents will be able to view the material covered on the excursion. This excursion covers components of Geography, History, Science, Design and Technology and PDHPE syllabuses.
SOCIAL AIMS
In Year 7, our students learnt how to:

(a) plan a menu;
(b) organise necessary camping equipment;
(c) cook a meal, wash up etc; and
(d) live responsibly in close co-operation with other students.

Using this knowledge, students will take personal responsibility for their equipment and menu planning. Students will have an opportunity to purchase some basic items at Moonee Beach Caravan Park.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES include the following activities.

(a) fishing (hand lines are satisfactory) and yabbie pumping
(b) swimming
(c) a beach walk at night, quiz night
(d) sand modelling
(e) obstacle course building

ACCOMMODATION
We will be staying at the Moonee Beach Camping Reserve. All students will be accommodated in tents, near an amenities block. Students must supply their own tents. This can be on a shared basis. It is essential that the tents are waterproof, either with a covering fly or ‘proofed cotton’. Each group must supply its own food, cooking and eating utensils. The school will provide portable gas cooking facilities for communal use.

SWIMMING
It is anticipated that students will be allowed to swim in Boambee Creek and Moonee Creek at clean and safe locations, which are frequently used by the public, and supervised by staff. However, parents should only grant their children permission to swim if they are competent swimmers and do not require flotation devices. Parents must sign the swimming portion of the permission note if they permit their children to swim.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR
Students are reminded of the high standards of behaviour expected of them when participating in overnight excursions. Students who do not meet those standards will be sent home. Parents would need to make the necessary arrangements for their return.

PERMISSION NOTE AND PAYMENT
Would you please complete the separate permission note. The permission note needs to be returned by Friday 6th March. All payment/s to be completed by Friday 13th March 2015.

Yours sincerely

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