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STATE SCHOOL

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CANBERRA – HERE WELCOME!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Departure day is almost upon us. Thank you again for your support. We appreciate that all families have made a huge financial outlay to send their charges away. I'm sure your child/children will be thankful for the effort you have made.

Some Reminders:

1. Bring \$50.00 spending money on Saturday and bank with your child's teacher. (Please send in \$5.00 or \$10.00 notes).
2. Arrive at school between **2:30 pm and 3:00pm.**
3. **Make sure you pack the school uniform for the Parliament House visit.**
4. Pack plenty of warm clothes. (enough jumpers and long pants for 7 days).
5. Make sure you pack appropriate walking shoes – we do lots of it!
6. Label everything clearly with your child's name please.
7. Make sure your child has all that is needed for the first two days in their backpacks as the larger suitcases will not be accessible until we arrive in Canberra on Sunday night.
8. Roll on deodorant only please.

Overnight Travel.

For our overnight travel we suggest the students take the following on the bus with them:

1. Pillow
2. Sleeping bag.
3. Backpack containing the following:
 - ✓ Water bottle (no soft drink or milk please).
 - ✓ **Healthy snacks** – fruit, muesli bars etc. (no chewing gum or lollies thanks).
 - ✓ Books/magazines etc.
 - ✓ Ipod/MP3 players (we will not be assuming responsibility for these items. Please make sure they are named clearly).
 - ✓ Wallet/purse.
 - ✓ Camera.
 - ✓ Light raincoat.
 - ✓ Toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush/comb and roll-on deodorant (to apply before visiting the zoo).

Please note that on the original "What to Pack" list portable DVD players were permitted. This is not the case now. Please do not let your child bring one.

Lollies and Soft drink.

Once again this year we are not allowing the students to manage the consumption of backpacks full of lollies! The students are required to purchase two bags of lollies and hand them to their teachers with their medication and spending money. Teachers on each coach will be responsible for when and how many lollies are handed out along the way. Students will not be able to make purchases at service stations along the way. We are providing them with a bottle of water each day, however they may purchase more if they wish. This strategy aims to look after their general health but also decrease the number of sick and tired students we need to deal with throughout the trip.

Loading Coaches.

If it is raining when you arrive:

1. Take the luggage to the coach and hand to drivers. (Cover the suitcase in plastic)
2. Keep backpack, pillow and sleeping bag. (Students are NOT to board the coach with this gear yet).
3. Then make your way down to the courtyards outside E and F blocks and look for your child's teacher.
4. The teachers will collect spending money, medication and the two bags of lollies.
5. Once we have everybody marked on our rolls we will make our way to the coaches.

If we have fine weather:

1. Take the luggage to the coach and hand to drivers.
2. Keep backpack, pillow and sleeping bag. (Students are NOT to board the coach with this gear yet).
3. Locate your child's class teacher – they will be near the front of the coaches.
4. They will collect spending money, medication and the two bags of lollies.
5. Please move to the back of the line once the money, medication and the two bags of lollies have been collected.
6. Once we have everything collected and everybody marked on our rolls we will board the coaches (After saying goodbye to families first of course!)

Looking forward to seeing everybody on Saturday. Let's hope we get lucky with the weather! If you have any last minute questions, please get in touch with myself or your child's class teacher.

Regards.

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Year Seven Teacher

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Deputy Principal.