



Year 6 Sydney Camp - Excursion Cancellation

Thursday, August 4, 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As you may have seen on Facebook yesterday, the school has made the decision to cancel our Year 6 Camp to Sydney. Following the recent announcement of all overnight excursions and out of Local Government Area Excursions being cancelled, for schools with Level 2 COVID-19 safety restrictions, and the continually high case numbers of COVID-19 in Sydney, together with many parents/caregivers expressing concern to teachers during parent/teacher interviews, we wanted to cancel early to ensure that final payments did not need to be made to multiple venues and that parent/caregiver deposits and payments were not forfeited.

Even if restrictions to Sydney are lifted by November, there is no guarantee overnight camps will be able to take place or that some COVID-19 cases will not be present. Some venues may currently be closed, or may re-close. Ensuring the safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance when planning any excursion.

In Term 4 we will investigate the possibility of holding another camp, multiple day trips or other alternatives for our Year 6 students. We will ensure that they are able to celebrate their final year at primary school as much as possible, in align with the restrictions and safety requirements at the time.

Refund payments for the Year 6 Sydney Excursion will be made in the following way:

- Excursion payments will be refunded by the Department of Education. We do not have a school bank account. All school funds are located centrally within one state Department account. We have provided each child with a refund form. Please complete this form and return it to the school by the end of Week 6 (Friday, August 20, 2021). Refund claims returned by this day will be processed the following week by our school administration team.

Once I approve these refunds, the Department of Education will refund the amount paid to your nominated bank account. Please be aware that the Department processes all refunds once a month. Payments may take up to four weeks to reach your bank account, once processed by the school.

- Should two or more caregivers require separate refunds (for example if separated parents or grandparents made part payments for one child), please contact our office on (02)64951266 to request that a second refund form be sent home. Alternately, you can download one off our website.

If you have any questions about the form, refunds or the cancellation of the excursion, please contact our administration team at school on (02)64951266.

Regards,
Michelle Hulme
Principal