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Senior Retreat: Monday 17 October - Wednesday 19 October, 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

The 2016 Senior Retreat will be held during week two of Term 4 at "The Tops" in Stanwell Tops, from Monday 17 October - Wednesday 19 October, 2016.

The purpose of this retreat is to offer our students the opportunity to explore aspects of personal and communal spirituality. The retreat will also provide:

- A pause from the "business" and "busy-ness" of everyday life;
- A time for quiet prayer and reflection in a peaceful atmosphere;
- An opportunity to build and strengthen friendships and promote understanding between students and teachers;
- A time to reflect on the place of God in one's life.

The major focus of our retreat is on spirituality of the heart, with students and teachers sharing liturgies, group discussions and individual reflections. It is hoped that the experience is overwhelmingly positive, with students and staff gaining new insights about themselves and each other.

As you know, participation in the Senior Retreat is a requirement of attendance at our College, and as such, is compulsory. We hope that you will join us in supporting your daughter / son as they prepare for this significant experience in their senior school years. We also ask that you discuss the information contained in this letter with your daughter / son before they sign the behaviour agreement form.

With this letter you will find:

FORM A: Behaviour Agreement/Permission Slip;

FORM B: Student Details.

THE AIMS

During this time away, the students will participate in a range of experiences that will help them to accept different views of the world, help them to respect each other and the environment, encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions and invite them to open to an experience of God in their lives. The Senior Retreat is significantly different from the Reflection Days / Camps of the junior years. The Senior Retreat does not have the elements more often associated with a camp experience. It is a serious undertaking, but one that will be none the less challenging and enjoyable.

THE PROGRAM

The Senior Retreat will be facilitated by members of the College Staff who will accompany the students in the exploration of their faith. There will also be smaller group activities that enable a more personal approach to faith development.

TRAVEL DETAILS

Students are required to meet at the College at 8.30am on Monday morning, and will travel by coach to the Centre. Students will leave the Centre at 1.00pm on Wednesday afternoon in order to arrive back at school in time for normal school buses. Students will be dismissed on their return to the College.

VENUE

"The Tops" is located at 51 Bendena Garden, Stanwell Tops NSW 2508. Phone: (02) 4294 1430.

Website : <http://www.thetops.com.au/>

BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT

Attached is a set of expectations about student behaviour during the Senior Retreat. Should a student be found to be flagrantly disregarding these rules, they may be withdrawn from the Senior Retreat program. The Behaviour Agreement must be signed and returned to school.

WHAT TO BRING

- Clothes – at this time of the year, clothing needs to be suitable for warm days and possible cool evenings. (Shorts must be mid length to the knee. No singlets);
- Toiletries;
- Bedding – a pillow and either sheets and blankets or a sleeping bag are required;
- Sports shoes or joggers – there will be some time for sporting activities;
- Medications as noted on your medical sheet.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Prohibited items outlined in the College Diary;
- Please note: College grooming and electronic device expectations still apply for all students at the retreat.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Every student must complete the attached medical form and bring it back to school. All medications brought to the Senior Retreat must be declared on this form. Should there be a medical emergency; parents/carers will be notified immediately.

FORMS TO BE RETURNED

FORM A (*STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT AND PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP*) and FORM B (*STUDENT DETAILS*) must be handed to the PASTORAL CLASS TEACHER by Friday, 9 September 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Daniella Volpato for clarification of any part of the Senior Retreat.

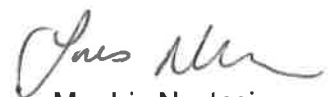
Yours sincerely,



Mrs Catherine Nolan
Religious Education Coordinator



Ms Daniella Volpato
Year 11 Coordinator



Mrs Iris Nastasi
Principal

SENIOR RETREAT FORMS:

FORM A (*STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT AND PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP*) and FORM B (*STUDENT DETAILS*) must be handed to the PASTORAL CLASS TEACHER by Friday, 9 September 2016.

FORM A: BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT/PERMISSION SLIP

1. I will accept the instructions and directions of the Retreat Staff at all times.
2. I will not engage in any behaviour that is contrary to normal College rules.
3. I will take personal responsibility for my belongings, my hygiene and my health.
4. I will not bring with me, items prohibited by the College.
5. I understand that the College Principal will be notified of any concerning behaviour or lack of participation in the retreat activities. Parents may be notified to collect their son/daughter from the Senior Retreat and an interview will be arranged at a later stage for any inappropriate behaviour.

Student's Name: (please print)

Student's Signature:

Date:

PARENTS/CARER'S PERMISSION

I give permission for my son / daughter
to attend the Senior Retreat at "The Tops" from Monday 17 October - Wednesday 19 October, 2016, and travel by coach to and from the venue. I am aware of the aims of the retreat, the College's expectations regarding behaviour and the consequences of misbehaviour during the retreat.

Parent / Carer's Name: (please print)

Parent / Carer's Signature:

Date:

FORM B: STUDENT DETAILS

1. Student Name: _____

2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Home Address: _____

4. Home Phone: _____

5. Emergency Contact 1:

Name and relationship to student: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Business: _____

Emergency Contact 2:

Name and relationship to student: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Business: _____

6. Do you have any pre-existing medical conditions? Please comment on any special attention that may be required because of this condition.

7. Known allergies and usual treatment: _____

8. Will you be bringing any medications with you? _____

If YES, what is the name of the medication and what is it used for? _____

7. Special Dietary Needs: _____
