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Friday 12 February 2016

Excursion to Bathurst Goldfields – Years 4/5/6
Expression of Interest

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of the History curriculum, which treats aspects of the early settlement of NSW and the impact of the discovery of gold on the colony, we will be visiting Bathurst Goldfields at Mt Panorama for a day trip. Wallacia students will join students from Mulgoa, Luddenham and Orchard Hills Public Schools.

The excursion will occur on Thursday 19 May 2016 (Term 2 Week 4). Travel will be by coach. We will depart at 7.15am and return by 6.00pm in the evening. The location of departure will be confirmed at a later date, as this will depend on the numbers of students attending the excursion from each school.

Our students will benefit greatly from participation in a range of interactive activities. Students will complete a tour that is based on 'Life in Colonial Australia'. The tour includes the history and explanations of the methods and machinery used to mine gold. Students will interact with personalities from the past including a teacher in an 1800's school house, a genuine blacksmith, a baker and a family who are struggling to survive in the harsh Australian environment. They will participate in building mud bricks, cooking damper and playing bush games. Students will pan for gold and will be able keep any gold pieces they find.

On our return journey we will stop at Mt York, to point out and experience the edge of the ridge where Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth established that they had crossed the Blue Mountains.

The cost will be approximately \$55 per student. This amount will be confirmed when participating students have paid their deposit. If the majority of students attend, the excursion should cost no more than this amount.

I would appreciate if you could indicate your interest in this excursion below. To secure your child's place for this excursion, we are asking that a non-refundable deposit of \$20 be paid by Friday 26 February 2016. The tour and bus company requires numbers of students attending by this date.

We hope that all our students will participate in this excursion. Please see Mr Boyd if you have any concerns or queries. We look forward to sharing this experience with your child.

Regards, Tim Boyd and Tanina Gobor
Organising Teachers

Mark Davies
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Student's Name:

My daughter / son will not be attending the 4/5/6 excursion to the Bathurst Goldfields.

OR

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the

Bathurst Goldfields excursion to be held on Thursday 19 May 2016. Enclosed is the \$20 non-refundable deposit for the excursion.

I have made an online payment on - Date: _____ Receipt Number: _____

I understand that travel to and from the Bathurst Gold Fields will be by coach.

Signed: _____

Date _____

Please return this slip to the office as soon as possible.