YEAR 8 TASMANIA CAMP 2013

Mill Park Secondary College
Parent Information Session

Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} December – Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} December

Alan Williams
\textit{Sales Executive}
Trekset Tours
Who is Trekset Tours?

- Leading company for educational travel, tours and camps for schools and groups.
- 30 years experience specialising in school tours
- Operate tours all over Australia and throughout the world
NOTE: Departure

Both Group A and Group B will travel to Tasmania together

DEPART: Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} December

- Meet at school and then transfer by coach to Station Pier.
- 4:00pm – meet at Mill Park Secondary College (MY)
- 7:30 pm – begin overnight sailing on the \textit{Spirit of Tasmania} to Devonport.
### NOTE: Return to Melbourne

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| **RETURN: Friday 13\(^{th}\) December**
4:45pm - check in at Hobart Airport for 6:15pm return flight
7:30pm – flight arrives at Melbourne Airport
8:30pm approx. – coach returns to Mill Park Secondary College (MY) | **RETURN: Friday 13\(^{th}\) December**
4:00pm - check in at Hobart Airport for 5:25pm return flight
6:40pm – flight arrives at Melbourne Airport
7:30-7:45pm approx. – coach returns to Mill Park Secondary College (MY) |
ITINERARY – GROUP A

DAY 1 TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL – SPIRIT OF TASMANIA CRUISE
(No meals supplied – please bring money for meals)

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
DEVONPORT – HOBART
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

• **6:00am** arrival in Devonport
• Start by heading into Launceston for a **city sights tour** including the beautiful Cataract Gorge.
• South to Hobart via the Midland Highway and the town of Ross with its notable bridge.
• **2:30pm** Cadbury's Chocolate Factory tour.
• Afternoon free for souvenir shopping in Hobart before we check into the **Balmoral Motor Inn** for our overnight stay.
• Tonight, after dinner, we have use of the coach for a night activity (bowling).
ITINERARY – GROUP A

DAY 3 THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
- Morning sightseeing tour including Constitution Dock, Battery Point and Salamanca Place.
- Visit to the Port Arthur Historic Site including 3.00pm cruise around the Isle of the Dead.
- We settle into our accommodation at Parson’s Bay Retreat.
- After dinner we participate in a ghost tour of Port Arthur.

DAY 4 FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER (Breakfast, Lunch)
- Travel back to Hobart via the spectacular coastal road enjoying coastal features such as the Devils Kitchen, Tasman's Arch and the Blowhole.
- This afternoon in Hobart we enjoy some free shopping time before heading to the Hobart Airport, to check in at 4.45pm for our 6:15pm flight home to Melbourne. An awaiting coach will then transfer us back to school, arriving back by approximately 8.30pm.
DAY 1 TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL – SPIRIT OF TASMANIA CRUISE
(No meals supplied – please bring money for meals)

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
DEVONPORT – PORT ARTHUR
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

- **6:00am** arrival in Devonport
- Start by heading into **Launceston** for a **city sights tour** including the beautiful Cataract Gorge.
- South to **Port Arthur** via the Midland Highway and the town of **Ross** with its notable bridge.
- Here we check in for our overnight accommodation at the **Parsons Bay Retreat**. After dinner, we participate in a **ghost tour** of Port Arthur and discover the mystery of the unseen.
ITINERARY – GROUP B

DAY 3 THURSDAY 12\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER
PORT ARTHUR - HOBART (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
- Back to our gruesome convict past with a return visit to the penal colony of Port Arthur, including harbour cruise around the Isle of the Dead.
- Travel to Hobart via the spectacular coastal road enjoying coastal features such as the Devils Kitchen, Tasman's Arch and the Blowhole.
- Check into the Balmoral Motor Inn for our overnight stay.
- Tonight, after dinner, we have use of the coach for a night activity (bowling).

DAY 4 FRIDAY 13\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER (Breakfast, Lunch)
- 9:00am - Cadbury's Chocolate Factory tour.
- Afternoon free for souvenir shopping in Hobart before we head to Hobart Airport to check in at 4.00pm for our 5.25pm flight home to Melbourne. An awaiting coach will then transfer us back to school, arriving back by approximately 7:30-7:45pm.
Your package includes:

- Most meals as specified:
  - Meals Key:  **B** = Breakfast  **L** = Lunch  **D** = Dinner
- Ship fares (4 berth inside cabins)
- Airfares
- Coach transfers from/to school
- Accommodation as specified
- In Tasmania a comfortable coach with air-conditioning and P.A system. (seatbelted)

*Entry Fees:*
- Cadbury’s Chocolate Factory
- Port Arthur Guide and Ghost Tour
- Bowling
BAGGAGE AND PACKING

- You require an overnight bag for the ship – no aerosols or sharp objects.

**YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: TO PROVIDE A TOWEL AND TOILETRIES**

- It is recommended that one medium suitcase or sausage bag is taken along with a small backpack that can be used as a daypack.

- Be mindful that Station Pier is a federal port and that all bags will be searched prior to boarding, do not bring any contraband items, as they will be confiscated. Examples include, lighters, screwdrivers, laser pointers, knives, etc.
BAGGAGE AND PACKING

Suggested Items:
- T-shirts
- Long sleeve shirts
- One warm weatherproof coat
- 2 pair pants
- 1 pair shorts
- Underwear for 4 days
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Comfortable and Practical footwear
- Hat / Beanie

- Sun block
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Insect Repellent
- Water bottle
- Travel Games
- Torch (with spare batteries)
- Camera
- Travel Journal / Diary with pens
- Towel
BAGGAGE AND PACKING

Remember, only ONE piece of luggage per person, either a SUITCASE or a SAUSAGE BAG.

NO CRICKET BAGS OR SWAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

- Weight is not to exceed 15kgs.
- Each person must be able to lift and carry their own bag.

*** Remember: You will not have access to your main suitcase until Wednesday night – pack a backpack accordingly. ***
Questions?
GROUPS A and B

- 68 students are split into two camps
- Each camp has four staff members
- Student’s cabin preferences for the boat trip have been taken into consideration when splitting the two camps
- The following Group lists have been based on students Spirit of Tasmania groupings.
- We will hold a meeting this week (Friday lunch time) to make alterations to group allocations if students are unhappy with the following drafts.
- Room allocations for
GROUP A – Draft Version

All students should come along to the Camp meeting at lunch time on Friday to confirm their allocation to this group. Changes will be made based on requests in this meeting.

Highlighted students: Additional information is required regarding medical information or forms. Please see Ms Curnow at the Information desk.
### GROUP B

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### Attending Staff

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### Highlighted students:
Additional information is required regarding medical information or forms. Please see Ms Curnow at the Information desk.
We **highly** recommend that you ensure your child has Ambulance cover for the duration of the trip.

The **cost per person is $31.00** and the level of cover is 5 days.

Trekset Educational Tours do not provide advice based on a consideration of your personal needs, objectives or financial situation. Families should carefully consider any information given in respect of QBE’s travel insurance, before deciding whether to purchase it.

You can find information about the policy and application forms on the school website at:


You can pay for the insurance at the General Office (MY) when you bring in a completed application form.

The last opportunity to purchase travel insurance is **Friday 22nd November**!
SPENDING MONEY

- Students should have some spending money on them.
- To buy souvenirs
- Have some cash and a key card
- Put cash in a number of different spots
- Enough money to cover meals for boat trip over.
- The amount your child takes is up to your discretion.
BRINGING VALUABLES ALONG...

Students can bring along digital cameras, iPods, MP3 players, PSP games, Personal DVD players, Mobile phones etc. These devices need to be switched off when asked; on flights, at meal times, bed times and when tour guides and staff are speaking.

Students need to take out ear plugs during tours etc.

However these digital/electronic items are all brought along at the students’ own risk and any loss or damage is not the responsibility of the school.
CONTACTS FOR CAMP

Please note mobile reception can be patchy in some places we stay.

Students need to let a teacher know if something is wrong before calling home.

In case of an emergency, during school hours and after hours, families are to ring the school mobile phone assigned to each camp. Please don’t call students directly. Contact the Teacher In Charge for each camp.

Group A: Gerard Maya (TIC) 0438 452 848
Group B: John Williams (TIC) 0419 386 053
All relevant medical conditions must be disclosed prior to the camp.

Any student taking medication needs to give this medication to the designated Teacher in Charge for their bus prior to camp.

All medications must be labeled.

Travel sickness tablets, if necessary, should be provided by the student.

If your child’s medical needs have changed please speak to Ms. Jaclyn Curnow at the First Aid desk.
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

• All dietary requirements should have been disclosed in the Confidential Medical Information forms. Please see Ms. Jaclyn Curnow at the First Aid desk to inform us of any changes.
EXPECTATIONS FOR CAMP

- Students and parents are expected to read and sign the yellow ‘Camp Rules’ policy and contract (located near the library entrance).
- This contract explains the expectations for the upcoming camp, which include:
  - That students have fun and enjoy themselves
  - Build relationships with other students and staff
  - Students live the college values of respect, responsibility, achievement and enjoyment.
  - Be safe at all times.
  - Be at meeting places **on time!** (Which is why it is important to record your child’s mobile phone number with our staff before you leave today).
TUESDAY 10\textsuperscript{TH} DECEMBER...

- Students need to be at school \textbf{by 4:00pm} to pack the bus and depart by 4.30pm.
- All students need to bring a backpack with a change of clothes for the first night – they will not have access to their big suitcase until Wednesday evening!
- Have snacks for the trip in your daypack.
- Give any (labeled) medications to Teacher in Charge of your bus before leaving.
- Students need to wear covered-in shoes on the boat e.g. no thongs.
BEFORE YOU LEAVE...

- Please ensure that you have **signed** in and **recorded** your child’s mobile phone number.
- Highlighted students to see Ms Curnow at **First Aid**.
- Sign and submit ‘**Camp Rules’ permission form** to the box provided.