



22 February 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ref: Year 11 Study of Religion trip to Brisbane

The Year 11 Study of Religion (SOR) students are travelling to Brisbane on their World Religions Tour between the 28th March and 31st of March. This is a most valuable experience, as the students have the opportunity to visit the worship centres of a variety of religions which they will study over the next two years.

The tour will include a visit to an Islamic Mosque, a Buddhist Temple, a Jewish Synagogue, a Greek Orthodox Church and a Catholic Cathedral. The group will be staying at Queensland CWA, Ruth Fairfax House on Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. The students will receive breakfast at the accommodation. We will be taking two large coaches.

As much as possible, the cost of the tour is to be paid for upfront by Friday 17th March. The cost per student is \$360 each. Students will be required to provide money for 3 lunches (on the way to and from Brisbane and on Thursday) and 3 dinners. Students may also require spending money for the *brief* time spent shopping.

Families of Year 11 students are asked to use the Parent Lounge link <https://620mce.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge> or access the Parent Lounge link through the College website www.maristcollegeemerald.com.au in order to read and approve all the required medical information, excursion permission form/itinerary and to make full payment. Excursion details can be found under the 'Tours and Excursions' section.

For families who do not have computer/internet access to give permission and check medical details for the excursion, please complete and return the attached Consent and Medical forms. Payment by electronic transfer is also welcomed. Please ensure you make note in your internet bank transfer in the reference section of your payment, your surname, followed by the specific request for payment eg: Smith11SOR.

Marist College banking details are:

BSB: 034 210

Account number: 124 023

Should you have any questions in regards to this process or if there are any families that may have difficulty in making the payment by the due date, please contact Mrs Connie Iddles in the Administration Office either by phone or email to organise an alternative payment arrangement.

This trip is a school activity where normal school rules apply. This particularly refers to smoking, alcohol and drugs. Any staff member, in consultation with Mr Mark Green (Principal), will have the right to send students home at parental expense for incidents not consistent with the image and spirit of the school.

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Attached is a list of what students will be required to bring. This will be discussed in class, as will expectations of student behaviour. The proposed schedule is also attached.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the College on 4982 3400. Please sign the attached permission slip and return to the College office by Friday 17th March with a completed Medical Form so we can finalise the trip organisation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Brad Jarro'.

Mr Brad Jarro
Assistant Principal Religious Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mark Green'.

Mr Mark Green
Principal



CONSENT STATEMENT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

To be returned by Friday 17 March 2017

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter _____ to attend the SOR World Religions Tour between Tuesday 28 March to Friday 31 March which has been arranged by Marist College Emerald, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to use such known forms of transport as may be deemed necessary.

I agree that, during the period/s of the aforesaid excursion in which my son/daughter participates, and during such travelling and other activities as may be deemed necessary, my child shall be under sole direction of the person/s duly appointed in charge of the student group in which he/she is included.

I further agree to meet the costs for any illness, accident or unforeseen circumstances that may occur during the periods of the activities in which my son/daughter participates and during such travelling and other activities as may be deemed necessary.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT DETAILS

Student Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

STUDENT MEDICAL HISTORY AND AUTHORISATION

- My child has been immunised against: _____
- Date of last anti-tetanus injection: _____
- Suffers from Asthma? **YES/NO** Medication available: _____
- Other Medication being taken: _____
- Is known to be allergic to: _____
- Is there any other relevant medical history? _____
- Is your child suffering from any injury which is likely to be aggravated by the carnival?
YES/NO if YES, give details: _____
- Do you have private medical insurance? _____ Health Fund: _____
- **MEDICARE NUMBER:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact 1:

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Doctor's Name: _____
Medicare No: _____
Other Considerations: _____

Emergency Contact 2:

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
Mobile Phone: _____

In the event of serious injury or illness, I hereby authorise the First Aid Officer to contact the Queensland Ambulance Service and for the attending Paramedic to administer anaesthetics if deemed necessary.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



YEAR 11 SOR PACKING LIST

Items are to be clearly marked with the student's name

Clothing

- **Smart-casual day clothes**, pyjamas or sleepwear.
- **A hat** needed for protection from the sun AND to enter some places of worship.
- **Comfortable, covered footwear that is appropriate for walking.** In some places of worship, we will need to remove our shoes.
- **Long pants/skirts and long sleeved shirts to visit the Islamic mosque.**
- **Girls will need head scarves for some temples.**

Please note the conservative nature of this trip. Clothing which does not provide appropriate coverage of the body is not acceptable and students will be asked to change before leaving the hostel for the day. Students should also avoid packing clothing that contains images or language that may offend.

Toiletries

- **Personal toiletries** (Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- **Medicines** (Required personal medications only)

Linen

- Bed linen (pillows, sheets, blankets) are *provided* by the hotel.
- **You will need to bring your own bath towel for showering. This is not provided by the hotel.**

Food and monies

- **Snack food** (muesli bars, etc.) to eat in between meals (if desired).
- **Money for 3 lunches and 3 evening meals (including travel periods).**
- **Spending money for souvenirs and shopping.**

Miscellaneous

- **A backpack or shoulder bag.**
- **A camera.** Please don't purchase if you don't already own one; we will pool all photos.
- **Writing equipment.**
- **iPods** Students accept responsibility for such items if they choose to bring them. They are only to be used during travel and free time.
- **Mobile phones.** These are only to be used during free time and will be collected each night after 9pm, and returned at breakfast the following morning.



YEAR 11 SOR 2017 SCHEDULE

Tuesday 28 March	
5.30am	Students to load bus
6:00am	Leave for Brisbane
6:20am	Pick up students in COMET
6:45am	Pick up students in BLACKWATER
6:00pm ish	Arrive at Ruth Fairfax House, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane
7pm	Dinner Out – Sizzler Toowong Prepaid Salad bar + drinks package = \$25.00 (Collected on the bus on the way to Brisbane)
Wednesday 29 March	
7am	Breakfast at Ruth Fairfax House
8am	Board bus and travel to Priestdale
9am – 11am	Tour- Chung Tian Buddhist Temple, Priestdale 1034 Underwood Road, Priestdale
11am	Board bus and travel to Kuraby
11:30am – 12:30pm	Tour- Masjid Al Farooq Islamic Mosque, Kuraby (May change depending on availability) 1408 Beenleigh Road Kuraby QLD Girls need head coverings (scarves)
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Board bus and travel to Hare Krishna Temple plus lunch stop in between
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Tour – Hare Krishna Temple 32 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks QLD 4073
2:30pm – 3pm	Board bus and travel to Indooroopilly Shopping Centre or Queen Street Mall for free time and dinner
3pm – 6pm	Indooroopilly Shopping Centre or Queen Street Mall for free time and dinner
6pm – 6:30pm	Bus to accommodation
7:30pm	Recap of Day - Booklets completed Activities/free time
Thursday 30 March	
7:00am	Breakfast at Ruth Fairfax House
8.30am	Board bus to Greek Orthodox Church
9am – 10am	Greek Orthodox Church 33 Edmondstone St, South Brisbane QLD 4101
10am	Board bus to The Brisbane Synagogue Morning Tea in transit
10:30am – 11:30pm	The Brisbane Synagogue 98 Margaret Street, Brisbane City, QLD 4000
Midday	Walk to Lunch at Botanical Gardens Walk to St Stephen's Cathedral
12:30pm – 2:15pm	12:30 - Mass – St Stephen's Cathedral 1:00 – 2:00 – Tour of Cathedral
2:30pm – 6pm	Queen Street – Free Time and Dinner
6:00pm	Bus to accommodation
7:30pm	Recap of Day - Booklets completed Activities/free time
Friday 31 March	
5:30am	Breakfast at Ruth Fairfax House
6:00am	Leave for Emerald Drop of students in BLACKWATER and COMET
6:00 pm - ish	Arrive Marist College Emerald