16th February, 2015

Dear Parents / Guardians

Re: Year 12 Retreat

As part of the College Religious Education Program, Year 12 Students will participate in a Retreat. The Retreat is an integral part of the St Mary MacKillop College Curriculum and it is expected that all students will attend. Please be assured that the Retreat is a most valuable, worthwhile experience.

The Year 12 Retreat will take place on the 11th – 13th of March. It will be held at Tandara Camp, Halls Gap.

Buses will leave school at 9.00am on Wednesday the 11th and return by 3.15pm on Friday the 13th. Travel will be by coach and a number of teachers will accompany the students. It is expected that all students will remain at the Retreat for the duration.

The cost of the Retreat is $220, which includes accommodation, transport and food. This is included in your Year Level School Fee.

Students will need to bring:
- LUNCH for Wednesday
- pillow, sleeping bag or sheets & doona
- towel
- suitable clothes (including jumper and a pair of covered shoes). Please be aware that weather conditions in Halls Gap can vary and so please be prepared for both hot and cold weather. Students will need to bring a pair of covered shoes, for example runners, to wear in the dining room.
- HAT & sunscreen
- toiletries
- pen

Students are expected to follow staff direction and must conduct themselves in accordance with the College expectations at all times. Students who are of concern to staff or who threaten the safety or wellbeing of themselves or others, place their position in the group at immediate risk. In the event that this occurs, a parent may be requested to arrange transport home for their child. Students who bring personal items such as phones or ipods are responsible for their safe keeping at all times.

During the Retreat Program there is time allocated for ‘freetime’ and given the age and maturity of the students, they are permitted to walk into the township of Halls Gap. This is a short 10 minute walk and does not include any major crossings. At least one staff member is always present in the shopping area. If students decide to go to the Halls Gap pool this is at their own cost. A staff member will attend the pool with the students. If students leave the camp they may only go in groups of 3 or more and must sign in and sign out as well as take a mobile phone with them.
The staff member in charge, Mrs Alison Wright, may be contacted on 0429 195 333. Mrs Catherine Howison (Deputy Principal) may also be contacted on 0447 666 113 and Mrs Michelle Haeusler, the Principal, on 0417 108 805.

**Permission Slip & Medical Authorisation:**
Should you wish your child to be a part of this opportunity, could you please complete the attached *Permission and Medical Authorisation Form* and return to the Pastoral Care Centre by Thursday, 5th March, 2015.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me at the College if you require further information.

Yours faithfully

Alison Wright (Mrs)
Liturgy Leader

St Mary MacKillop College

**Permission Slip – Year 12 Retreat**
(Please Return to PCC at the College by Thursday, 5th March, 2015.)

I give / do not give (please circle) permission for my son/daughter __________________________ to participate in the Year 12 Retreat from 11th - 13th March, 2015.

Son/Daughter’s Name: __________________________

My child has the following current medical condition for your information:

________________________________________________________________________

Medical Management/Current Medication procedure:

________________________________________________________________________

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Please list any dietary concerns: __________________________________________

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I authorise the person in charge of the activity, where it is impractical to communicate with the parent, to apply, or consent to the application, of such emergency first aid, medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I also agree to meet any costs associated with the provision of medical aid and/or evacuation should it be required.

I understand that students have the opportunity to walk into Halls Gap Township in small groups and that during this time they will not be directly supervised by a staff member.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________

Parent/Guardian’s Name: (please print) ____________________ Phone contact: ________