



St Mary's College Toowoomba

Forming young men of faith, integrity, action and excellence

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This term your son is undertaking a combined unit study through his Science and Humanities classes. The focus for the term is water, and each subject area is based on the study of water and its effects, using Wivenhoe Dam as our field study.

To enrich students' learning experience we have organised a field trip for **all year 7 students on Thursday 17th August to Wivenhoe Dam**. Whilst at the dam the boys will be broken into three groups, where they will participate in three different activities which will be supervised by at least two teaching staff per group and Wivenhoe Dam Education officers. The boys will be doing water testing and monitoring, taking photos, sketching maps and diagrams and completing field study questions, where information will be taken from the educational displays in the information centre and around the dam facilities. This will also include an activity at the dam spillway where the boys will need to take photographs with their ipads, which they will use at a later date to sketch pictures into their report booklets for Science and Humanities.

The boys are **required to wear their sports uniform** with the broad rim St Mary's College hat, on the day. They are to bring their **sling bag** which will be **kept over their shoulders at all times** whilst moving around the dam. At no time will the boys be entering the water and they will not go near the water, unless instructed. All boys must bring a fully charged ipad and **be responsible for its safe keeping**. These iPads will be vital in collecting photographic information. Boys are to keep their ipad in their sling bag until they need them, rather than carry it around. If ipads get dropped in the water, or smashed in any way, the boys will **be liable for repairs** to the damage. **Could we also please ask that you speak to your son about not using his ipad for playing games or listening to music whilst on the bus and at the field site. This is a school day and these are not acceptable activities on their school ipad.**

They are also to **provide their own morning tea and water**, for snack time as they move between activities. A BBQ lunch will be provided which will include sausages on bread, a piece of fruit, a snack and a drink. During lunchtime the boys will have time to play ballgames or sit and relax and seek teacher feedback about the field trip, if necessary.

Due to time constraints, buses will need to leave by **8.15 on Thursday morning** in order to complete all activities and return in time for afternoon buses.

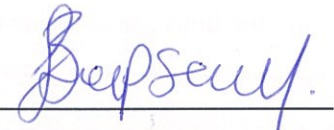
The details are as follows:

- **Date :** Thursday 17th August
- **Time:** 8.15 am arrival at St Mary's College for an 8:35 am departure from Margaret Street.
3.00 pm return to St Mary's College
- **To Bring:** Charged ipad, sling bag, morning tea, water, **hat, sunscreen and any necessary personal equipment (asthma puffer etc.).**
- **Cost: \$25 which will be charged to your College account.** This will cover the expense of the bus and the boys' lunch.

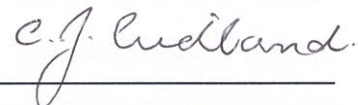
For further information, please contact Mrs Louise Rapson (Science Curriculum Leader).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tim Connolly
(Acting Curriculum Leader - Humanities)



Mrs Louise Rapson
(Curriculum Leader - Science)



Mrs Charmaine Cridland
(College Principal)

Please complete the permission letter below and ask your son to return this letter to Ms Quinn (office) by Thursday 10th August.

- I hereby give permission for my son to attend the excursion to Wivenhoe Dam on Thursday 17th August as per conditions of the letter attached.
- My son will not be attending the excursion to Wivenhoe Dam on Thursday 17th August. I am aware that non-attendance of the excursion will mean that my son is required to attend school on this day and that he will be working in the library completing alternative work.

Please circle your son's Science teacher: Ms Rapson Mr Hegarty Ms Casey Mr Nielsen Ms Banks

Student Name: (please print): _____

Parent / Caregiver Name: (please print): _____

Parent / Caregiver contact details: _____

Emergency Contact Details: _____

Medical conditions that supervisors should be aware of: _____

Dietary requirements: _____

Parent/ Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____