



HORNSBY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Caregiver

YEARS 5 & 6 MILSON ISLAND CAMP Monday 21 to Friday 25 September 2009

This year we will be inviting those students who demonstrate appropriate behaviour and work ethic to join us on our Milson Island excursion. We would expect that this will be all students.

The total cost for this camp is \$285.00 per student. This includes all meals and transport to and from the camp (train and ferry).

Milson Island is located on the lower Hawkesbury, 3 km upstream from the Sydney-Newcastle expressway bridge. The Centre is operated by the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation and occupies the whole of Milson Island. The Centre offers programs to all schools in New South Wales. The main emphasis of programs is "Education Outdoors", using the local environment and related activities as a focus for learning.

Students are accommodated in rooms of four, each room having ensuite shower and toilet facilities. Each lodge also has a private staff room for visiting teachers, similarly equipped with private facilities.

All meals are fully catered and are taken in a modern dining room. Students are rostered to assist with the setup and clearing of the dining room.

The following activities are available at Milson Island and may be included: archery, boomerangs, bike safety, bushwalking, canoeing, cookout lunch, craft, environmental studies, fishing, initiative activities, kayaking, orienteering, rock climbing, swimming and a new high ropes course.

The staff at the Centre are all qualified teachers with additional training and experience in Outdoor Education. The priorities of all staff include maintaining a high level of motivation and interest within the students. Consideration and sensitivity is shown towards all students and in particular those with special needs. As professional educators Centre staff are committed to making the learning experiences of each program as meaningful, effective and enjoyable as possible.

At this stage we are asking that you confirm your child's place on the excursion by returning the attached slip.

A \$75 deposit will be required by the end of Week 3, Term 2 (15 May) with the option of paying the balance in three instalments of \$70 each.

Please fill in the note attached and return to your child's class teacher by FRIDAY, 20 MARCH.

M Peters, J Robertson, A Spencer, R Andrew
Year 5 & 6 Teachers

R Stirling
Principal

YEAR 5 & 6 MILSON ISLAND CAMP

(Please return to your child's class teacher by FRIDAY, 20 MARCH.)

My child _____ class _____ will be attending the
Milson Island camp on 21 – 25 September 2009.

I understand travel is by train and ferry and has been approved by the Principal.

I understand a \$75 deposit will be payable by the end of Week 3, Term 2 (Friday, 15 May 2009).

***DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH THIS NOTE. A SEPARATE NOTE OUTLINED
PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SENT HOME IN TERM 2.***

Signature: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____