YEAR 7 PROGRAMME

Day 1  Monday, 24 November 2014

KNOWING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Students will be divided into two groups to rotate through two activities.

_Students will need to provide food and drink for today as canteen facilities will NOT be available. Students must also wear full sport uniform including the School sport hat._

**ACTIVITY 1**  A Heritage Trail

Students will be travelling by bus to Glenrock State Park where they will meet with NPWL Rangers for a guided walk through this remnant rainforest. Departure times will be 8.40/11.40am with return times being 11.20am/2.45pm depending on the group you will be placed in.

**ACTIVITY 2**  Make a Musical Instrument

Students will learn the importance of music to Aboriginal Dreamtime Legends through the design and construction of a simple RainMaker Instrument.

Day 2  Tuesday, 25 November 2014

FORGING LINKS – Service Learning and Social Conscience

_Students to wear sports uniform._

Today students will be involved in a variety of community service projects in which they will be teaching students from Year 4 a skill. This is a wonderful way for Year 7 students to forge links with Year 4 students and appreciate the value of collaboration and tolerance. A list of activities from which Year 7 students can choose is attached. All activities will be conducted at Hill Campus.

_A BBQ Lunch will be provided. Students are asked to make a gold coin donation at this lunch with all monies collected being forwarded to the Farkwa Project. Students must provide their own recess. Normal canteen facilities are available for recess only._

Day 3  Wednesday, 26 November 2014

EXPLORING OUR HERITAGE – Cultural Awareness

Today is divided into three sessions.

_Students wear sports uniform. Canteen facilities are available for RECESS ONLY if required. Students must supply their own lunch as canteen facilities WILL NOT be available for lunch._
Morning Session  ACTIVITY 1

In this activity students will work together in teams to compete in a Theatre Sports Challenge.

Middle Session  ACTIVITY 2

All students will participate in a cultural performance by Matthew Doyle. Matthew is a descendant of the Muruwari people from Lightning Ridge. His performance incorporates aspects of music and dance woven into a representation of Dreamtime Legends. His dynamic presentation is interactive and provides students with the opportunity to experience the rich culture of Indigenous Australia.

Afternoon Session  ACTIVITY 3 & 4

Students will be divided into two groups to rotate through two activities.

ACTIVITY 3: Dance workshop presented by Matthew Doyle. The workshop commences with an explanation and demonstration of the symbolism and significance of Aboriginal Dance. Students then learn two traditional dances and an improvised piece.

ACTIVITY 4: Cybershorts is an interactive workshop that looks at the moral and ethical issues faced by online technology.

Day 4  Thursday, 27 November 2014

Full Day Excursion to Sydney to watch a performance of the drama production ‘A Christmas Carol’. Buses depart Newcastle Grammar School 8.00am and return 4.00pm. Students must wear full school uniform (NOT Sport Uniform) and provide all food and drink required for the day as canteen facilities are not available.

Day 5  Friday, 28 November 2014

Students wear sports uniform. Canteen facilities are available as this day follows normal school bell times.

OUR PRECIOUS PLANET – Sustainability

Students will be divided into three groups to rotate through the following three activities. These activities follow normal school bell times. Students must provide their own recess and lunch, normal canteen facilities are available.

ACTIVITY 1: Climate Change

Students will collaborate in teams to solve a climate change puzzle using simple experiments to collect data.
**ACTIVITY 2: A Sustainable Theme Park**

Students will work in groups to complete a scenario challenge in which they must design and construct a sustainable theme park complete with a convincing advertising campaign which will encourage visitors to explore their concept.

**ACTIVITY 3: A Sustainable Diet**

In this interactive workshop students will learn the value of sustainable agricultural practices.