



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

15 October, 2019.

Dear Parents of Year 5 Students,

An Excursion has been planned for your son to attend The Kokoda Memorial Walkway, Bray's Bay Reserve, Concord on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

The students learn about life during the Kokoda Track campaign in which Australian soldiers fought during WWII. The learning is topical with Kokoda Day 3rd November and commemoration of Armistice Day on the 11th November. The excursion consolidates learning around the Schools Kokoda Expedition Immersion Experience planned biannually for 2020.

The 3 Year 5 Classes will travel by bus departing school after roll call and returning before 3.00pm for students to access transport home. If we arrive shortly before 3 pm we will dismiss the boys as we do on Thursdays. Sports uniform is to be worn. Students should bring their morning tea, lunch and a water bottle on the excursion. Lunch will be eaten in the Bray's Bay Reserve parkland surrounding the Memorial.

Class captains maybe asked to wear school uniform and bring sports uniform to change into following the photographs of them laying a wreath of remembrance. Each student will be asked to place a poppy replica alongside a plaque commemorating the life of one of the serviceman who served on the Kokoda Track in 1942. Each student will be tasked with researching the historical service of a veteran from a specific battalion or unit from the Rose Garden.

Additionally NSW RSL may like us to provide some photographs of our students at the Kokoda Memorial for their website and Newsletter. No student names will be associated with the photos unless otherwise requested.

If you do not wish your son to be in any of the photos provided to NSW RSL, please indicate this via email flong@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au with subject line: Year 5 Kokoda Memorial Excursion by 22nd October 2019.

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