Upper Division Sydney Excursion – Update – July 2023 Excursion Dates: Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 November 2023

Thursday 20 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing payments towards our Upper Division excursion to Sydney from Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 November. This occurs in Week 6 of Term 4.

Please find attached our current plans, updates and a draft timetable for the excursion. There may be some minor changes and additions and we will communicate this with you as we move closer to our departure. We are working on aspects of this excursion in class, so students will have some knowledge of venues and information about Sydney before the excursion.

It is essential that the excursion is paid in full before the departure date of Friday 13 October to ensure your child/children are able to attend. We suggest you continue to use the payment schedule below to keep on top of payments. The next payment of \$200 is due by Friday 4 August. The total cost is \$750 per student. Please note the P&C have provided funds to cover the train tickets and our tickets to "Wicked", the musical. Rocky River Public School is also using our school funds to provide additional financial support for each student to keep the cost at \$750 each.

	Suggested Payment Plan	
Date	Amount to be Paid to the School	Total Amount Paid
Friday May 5	\$50 Deposit	\$50.00
Friday June 2	\$100	\$150
Friday June 30	\$150	\$300
Friday August 4	\$200	\$500
Friday August 25	\$150	\$650
Friday September 22	\$100	\$750

You will see that we are travelling by train to Sydney. This will depart from the Uralla Railway Station on Tuesday 14 November. Students will need to be at the station well before the departure time. We will provide exact times students need to be there closer to the departure date.

Staff attending the excursion will be Brad Hunt, Georgia Brown and Anne Miller. (Leah Miller will teach Lower Division during this time).

If your child has any dietary requirements or medical needs we will be sending home a form closer to the date of the excursion so you can advise us of this to make sure our planning reflects the needs of all students. If any students need to have medication/s while on the excursion a parent will also need to provide a completed *Request to Administer medication form* prior to departure.

While we are on the excursion, we will post regular updates/photos on the Audiri app (formally Skoolbag app). Please ensure you have updated this so you can receive regular updates. We will also provide you with a mobile phone number to contact us in an emergency.



We will provide you with information of what to pack early in Term 4. There will also be an opportunity for students to go shopping at "Paddy's Markets" where we will allow students to bring a maximum of \$30 each to spend. This will need to be placed in a sealed envelope/snap lock bag and given to a staff member before we leave Uralla.

Further information about the excursion will be provided later this term. We are working hard to make this excursion a memorable and enjoyable opportunity for our students, who have been unable to attend such an event due to the COVID pandemic.

As always, please contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Brad Hunt Principal

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8.30am	7.30am	7.30am	7am
Meet at Uralla Railway Station ready for departure at 8.55am	Breakfast at YHA	Breakfast at YHA	Breakfast at YHA
Students need to bring a packed recess			Pack up and leave YHA
and lunch to have on the train.			Travel to Central Station by light rail
4.40pm Arrive at Central Station then take the train to Circular Quay and walk to The Rocks YHA	9am Take the Ferry to Taronga Zoo for a tour and then attend their 'Through the Eyes of a Scientist' workshop at 10.30am	10.15am Visit to Sydney Tower	Depart Central Station at 9.30am
Unpack and get organised for dinner.			Eat morning tea and packed lunch on the train.
6.30pm Dinner at the YHA	12.45pm Arrive at Sydney Lyric Theatre, Pyrmont to see 'Wicked' 1pm to 3.45	12.15pm Arrive at Parliament House for tour commencing at 12.30	Arrive at Uralla Railway Station at
Walk to the Sydney Observatory	4pm Shopping at Paddy's Market	3pm Visit the Australian Museum then walk to the Opera House.	5.12pm
Walk back to the YHA	6pm Chinese Meal at Dixon St Haymarket (China Town)	6.30pm Dinner at the YHA	
	7.30pm Walk back to the YHA		