

October 2022

RE: Expressions of Interest for the Year 11 Northern Territory Tour 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians and Year 10 students,

Wantirna College is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering 2023 Year 11 students the chance to join the annual Northern Territory Tour. **The Tour will commence on Saturday 10th June and return 14 days later on Friday 23rd June (exact dates are TBC).** The Tour will take place during the last week of Term 2 and the first week of the school holidays.

The Tour provides students with a wonderful opportunity to experience the wonders of the Australian Outback. Highlights of the Tour include: Uluru, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Katherine Gorge, Jumping Crocodiles Cruise, Camel Rides, Mataranka Hot Springs, Kakadu National Park, Litchfield National Park, Darwin Mindil Beach Market and Darwin.

Based on the current costings, the Tour has an **estimated total cost of \$3400 - \$3700**. Price is subject to change depending on student numbers and final costs of airfares.

This cost includes:

- ✓ Coach travel
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Entrance to all tourist attractions
- ✓ Return flight to Melbourne
- ✓ Camp hoodie, shirt and hat
- ✓ Compulsory travel insurance

Accommodation is twin-share, in canvas tents. All meals are included, except meals between Melbourne and Uluru during the express overnight travel.

There will be a Parent Information Evening in May 2023 to answer any questions. Details for this event will be available on Compass closer to the date.

Determination of Places

In the event of there being more students paying the deposit for the tour than places available, a randomised process will take place to determine who will be offered a seat on the tour. **Those students who were not successful will be offered a place on the waiting list and their deposit money will be refunded.** The order of the waiting list will be determined by a random draw, and this list will be published. This process will take place in the week after

the due date for the deposit. The maximum numbers on the tour are fixed at 108 students due to the effects of the COVID lockdowns on the bus companies and availability of busses.

Northern Territory Tour 2023 Payment Details

This tour is an extra-curricular activity and pursuant to the Parent Payment Policy is provided on a user-pays basis and is not compulsory.

It is the schools desire to make this event as accessible as possible to all Year 11 students. Once the deposit has been paid, payment plans of varying amounts can be organised through the General Office for families who may like to start paying smaller/regular amounts toward the total cost.

Payment plans need to be agreed to, in advance with our Business Manager, Mr. Peter Cameron or Nerilee Fletcher and payments made by the due dates listed below.

Airline seats are booked early, so to confirm the booking at the best possible price, we require a **non-refundable deposit payment of \$250 by Friday, 4th November**. The final cost of the Tour will be confirmed once student numbers are established. Please note, if you are placed on the waiting list, your deposit will be refunded.

A schedule for payments is as follows:

Amount due:	Payment due:
\$250 deposit (non-refundable)	Friday 4th November 2022
\$750	Thursday 9th February 2023
\$750	Thursday 9th March 2023
\$750	Thursday 6th April 2023
\$900 – \$1200 Dependent on the final cost of the Tour.	Thursday 11th May 2023

All payments can be made on Compass. There will be three compass events, one for the deposit, one for the next three payments and a third, which will be made available to parents in May 2023, once the total amount has been finalised.

Please note that all payments MUST be finalised by Thursday 11th May 2023.

For more information relating to any of the above information, please don't hesitate to contact Matthew Burleigh at bul@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au or Andrew Lewis at lew@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au

Sincerely,

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