

12 June 2018

Dear Principal

### **Willoughby/Bingara Student Exchange 2018**

Willoughby City Council organises an annual student exchange to our sister city of Bingara in Gwydir Shire Council area, 600km northwest of Sydney. The exchange has become a valuable exercise in building positive relationships with students and representatives from both cities, as well as providing participating students with memorable experiences.

We are currently recruiting for young people to participate in the Willoughby Youth Action Group (WYAG). WYAG is our advisory group of young people who represent the wider youth community by active participation in the planning and implementation of programs and services for young people who live, work and study in our city.

We are offering students in years 9-11 the opportunity to participate in this year's student exchange program as part of the induction to membership on the WYAG. The group will experience a program of rural activities including horse riding, farm and agricultural activities, as well as attending the Bingara Orange Festival. There will also be a team building and leadership component to the trip.

#### **Details of the exchange are below:**

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Time</b>                                |
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| Thursday 5 July | Leave Willoughby<br>Arrive Bingara<br>Welcome dinner         | 9.00am<br>By 5.00pm<br>6.00-9.00pm         |
| Friday 6 July   | Orange Picking Ceremony<br>Trail Ride along the Gwydir River | 9.00-5.00pm<br>7.30-8.30pm                 |
| Saturday 7 July | Orange Festival<br>Barefoot bowls<br>Farewell Bonfire        | 9.00-5.00pm<br>7.30-8.30pm<br>8.30-10.30pm |
| Sunday 8 July   | Leave Bingara<br>Arrive Willoughby                           | 9.00am<br>By 5.00pm                        |

Please note that Willoughby City and Gwydir Shire Councils will meet the cost of travel, accommodation and activities for the students.

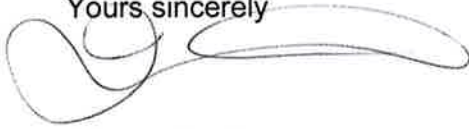
The attached **Application & Consent Form** is to be completed by any interested student(s) and returned to Council by **Monday 25 June 2018**.

## Willoughby City Council

Should you require any further information regarding the exchange, please contact one of our Youth Development Officers:

- Brian Park 9777 1062 or email [brian.park@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:brian.park@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)
- Jumana Azeem 9777 7538 or email [jumana.azeem@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jumana.azeem@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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Joanne Morrison

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES TEAM LEADER**