



**GOODOOGA AND LIGHTNING RIDGE SERVICE TRIP 2018
WITH PYMBLE LADIES COLLEGE
MONDAY 6 AUGUST – FRIDAY 10 AUGUST**

12 May 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Social Justice – Service Trip to Lightning Ridge and the Goodooga Indigenous Games

Year 10 boys have the opportunity to join in a new project to join our remote small school partner, Enngonia PS at the Goodooga Indigenous Games. Goodooga is located about 90km north of Lightning Ridge. We will be participate in events in the rural and indigenous community in the area and will participate in the Games. The boys will engage in research and organisational tasks that will prepare and supplement their visit to Goodooga. They will also undertake activities and programs with the children at the school.

The project is being undertaken by Knox Grammar School in conjunction with Pymble Ladies College. The combined group will be travelling to Lightning Ridge with the aim of supporting and providing practical help in a rural community. The group intends to implement activities within a program that aims to help motivate, inspire and encourage engagement and enjoyment in learning for the children that attend small remote schools, in particular Enngonia PS at the Goodooga Indigenous Games.

In the lead up to the actual visit the **eight participating students** from each school will work collaboratively with planning and organising a program with specific aims and objectives for the time they spend in the classroom and in activities with the PLC students. Through collaboration with the Enngonia PS at the Goodooga Indigenous Games Public School and the local community, the group endeavours to:

- I. Build meaningful relationships with the students and staff the remote small schools at the games Learn and understand the lifestyle of indigenous and rural communities;
- II. Gain insight into the barriers provided as a result of isolation and an inadequacy of resources;

- III. Implement a series of strategic, imperative and influential programs that make a difference within the community and for the students;
- IV. Encourage and promote the importance of education and learning by delivery of some varied and engaging lessons to the students;
- V. Develop and enhance skills in collaboration and team work;
- VI. Understand the complex and challenging learning for a teacher with a multi-aged class of students;
- VII. Appreciate that thorough and effective planning will generally result in significant, unequivocal outcomes;
- VIII. Create a change or positive difference to another group/community;
- IX. Comprehend and recognise the significance of education and of voluntary aid particularly to rural and indigenous communities.

Dates of the Camp:

Venue: Goodooga Primary School

Accommodation: The Opal Caravan Park Cabins at Lightning Ridge and travel each day to Goodooga

Monday travel day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Each day, students are split into two groups; one in the morning session and one in the afternoon session, and will work with the local school. During the session time when not at the school the 'off duty' group will participate in some unique cultural experiences. All of the group will join together for the 'After School Activities' program with the Enngonia PS children.

Friday: Return to Sydney; leave Lightning Ridge 6am

Cost: APPROX - \$900

This amount will cover all accommodation, transport, food, donations. Some pocket money is recommended for incidentals and gifts your son may wish to buy.

Please NOTE

The offer of a place for your son on this trip is also subject to certain conditions.

1. Firstly, that all School fees are paid in full and maintained at that level.
2. Secondly, that an acceptable level of academic and social behaviour is maintained during the year. It is important that boys and their families realise that this is a School excursion and all School rules will apply.
3. The School reserves the right to place a boy on a return flight home if he fails to meet these expectations. This will be done at the family's cost

The boys will be accompanied on this trip by Mrs Helen Clarke from Knox and staff from Pymble Ladies' College.

As staff and volunteers, we have watched the students work together to come to an understanding of the goals set for the program and to learn the strategies necessary to achieve these goals. We are very impressed by the spirit of ownership and generosity all the students have demonstrated in their desire to create a program that will be enjoyable, engaging and meaningful to the students. They have done very well and will no doubt continue to refine and further develop their ideas before they travel to Enngonia PS at the Goodooga Indigenous Games in November.

Parents, we thank you for your support and patronage towards this unique project and experience and for allowing you son to participate in this outback experience

Please note that an additional letter will be issued, providing further details on a more inclusive itinerary and what is required for the trip.

Yours Sincerely

Helen Clarke

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Please return this form to Mrs Clarke ASAP

Permission to participate with the Enngonia PS at the Goodooga Indigenous Games between 6 -10 August 2018.

I give permission for my son

GIVEN NAME

SURNAME

YEAR GROUP

To participate with our link remote school Enngonia PS, at the Goodooga Indigenous Games at Goodooga in conjunction with PLC staff and students

Your mobile.....

Your son's mobile

Does your son have any allergies/ health issues we should be aware of for this excursion?
YES/ NO (please select)

If, yes please list here;

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Cost approximately to be \$900 all inclusive to be paid on the school portal when requested.

The final cost will be notified as soon as final costs can be finalised.

SIGNATURE

PARENT NAME

DATE

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