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Dear Parents

RE BORNEO 2019 - An exciting new adventure

Knox Grammar School has a long tradition of social justice initiatives in the Asia Pacific region.

In conjunction with Pymble Ladies College, we are offering Knox students the opportunity to participate in a 14 day Immersion to Borneo, which is within the Malaysian state of Sabah. This is calendared for December 2019 following the end of the school academic year.

The expedition will be 14 days in total and the cost will be \$4,950 which includes international flights, travel insurance, an Expedition Leader, accommodation, all meals etc.

The adventure will commence with the group staying in such places as Camp Bongkud in a traditional long house and participating in community work. Knox students will also have the opportunity to participate in the daily activities of village life in various locations and in particular working on forest restoration at the Bat Puteh Jungle Camp. This area provides opportunities for the boys to help villagers re-establish local eco-systems. A highlight will be the Sepilok Orangutang Sanctuary and the Sun Bear Conversation Centre which is on the east coast of Sabah. This sanctuary is in the area of the famous site of the World War 11 memorial of the prison camp of Sandakan.

If you would like your son to be part of the 2019 Borneo Immersion, please complete the consent form at the end of this letter and have your son return it to Pastor Luisa Maxwell or Mrs Helen Clarke.

An information evening will be held at Knox on Wednesday 28 November at 7:15pm in the Knox Cultural Centre.

Participants will undertake the following prior to the trip;

- Cultural and other training necessary for the Immersion
- Ensure passport has a minimum of 6 months before expiry
- Complete the necessary documentation required including i) Visa Application, ii) Knox Medical Form and Medical Fitness Certificate, iii) Knox Swim Form and iv) Code of Conduct.
- Complete online course for cultural exchange programs as required by Camps International
- Have the necessary inoculations.

Medical

Participants **MUST** visit their Doctor and ensure that all medications and inoculations that are recommended by the World Health Organisation are prescribed and taken as directed by your doctor.

For further information, see;

- The Travel Doctor <http://www.traveldoctor.co.uk/vaccines.htm>
- World Health Organisation <http://www.who.int/ith/en/>

School Fees

It is expected that you are up to date with your school fees. Failure to do so will preclude your son's participation in the 2019 Borneo Expedition.

Student behaviour

It is expected that your son will be an exemplary ambassador for Knox at all times during the expedition. They will be required to follow the directives of both Knox and the Kokoda Spirit staff, along with other professionals and providers. It is also imperative that road safety rules, school rules and guidelines are adhered to at all times during this trip. These expectations are a mandatory requirement and you and your son are required to sign the slip below to confirm your understanding of this before departure.

Borneo Immersion 2019

My son,is interested in participating in the inaugural 14 day Borneo Immersion in December 2019.

Please complete the following details:

Your son's DOB

Your son's email address

His Passport Number

Parent/Guardian name

Parent email address

Parent mobile

We understand that there is an application process to follow:

- Will outline specific details of the Immersion.
- A schedule of payments for the trip
- There may be an interview process if numbers exceed the maximum participants.
- There will be some formation meetings for participants to be held after school throughout the year which are compulsory
- A valid passport.
- Boys will sign a code of conduct form.
- Parents will sign a media agreement about the use of photos of your son for school use.

- All medical inoculations advised will be undertaken by all participants.
- We will be attending the Information evening on the Borneo Immersion, Wednesday 28 November at 7:15pm- 8:15pm in the Knox Cultural Centre

Yes / No (please circle)

Regards

Helen Clarke