



# GOODOOGA INDIGENOUS GAMES IMMERSION

## SERVICE LEARNING AND SJ OPPORTUNITY

***Social Justice – Service Learning Trip to Walgett and the Goodooga Indigenous Games***

**Dates of the Immersion: Sunday 28 July - Friday 2 August**

12 June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 and 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 and will be travelling to Walgett to undertake a cultural immersion for two days and 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 **ten participating students** from Knox will work collaboratively with planning and organising a program with specific aims and objectives. 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 and understand Aboriginal Culture
- 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.

**Accommodation: Walgett Accommodation and at Goodooga PS**

Sunday travel day - *Monday – Wednesday in Walgett - Thursday in Goodooga- Friday return to Knox evening*

**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.

**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 costs

The boys will be accompanied on this trip by Mrs Helen Clarke and other Knox staff

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

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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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# PERMISSION NOTE TO ATTEND THE GOODDOOGA INDIGENOUS GAME AND WALGETT IMMERSION

I give permission for

GIVEN NAME

SURNAME

YEAR GROUP

to attend the Goodooga Indigenous Games **Sunday 28 July - Friday 2 August**

SIGNATURE

PARENT NAME

DATE

MEDICAL INFORMATION