



Student Excursion Information Note

2021 Year 7 Spirituality Day & St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber Excursion

Dear Parent/Caregiver

4th February, 2021

Year 7 students will be participating in an immersion experience to St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber, as well as, their Spirituality Day here at the College on the **23rd and 24th of February**. These two excursions occur simultaneously with half of the year group attending one venue (Kincumber) and the other half staying on-site at the College. The students will then attend the venue they did not visit the next day.

The Year 7 immersion experience at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber, is co-facilitated by the Religious Education faculty and the College Youth Minister to assist with fostering the faith formation of the Year 7 Students at an important historical site. The students will participate in various activities throughout the day that explore the charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the history of her work on the Central Coast. Students will also participate in a guided tour of the museum, including a walk through of the site itself. Here students will be learning about the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the work of the Sisters of St Joseph as well as deepening their knowledge of our House System and Values.

The Year 7 students who remain on-site will participate in their Spirituality Day. This day is co-facilitated by the Religious Education faculty, pastoral team and College Principal and forms an integral part of the spiritual formation of our students. The development of the students' spirituality is part of the core work we do here at the College and it is vital that the students have the opportunity to experience their faith with one another. Both opportunities are also integral to the current topics of study in Religious Education; 'Belonging to the Catholic Community'.

Excursion details

Destination of excursion: St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber: 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South

MacKillop Catholic College Warnervale

Date(s) of excursion:

Day One Tuesday 23rd February

Remaining at school on-site in the Hall and Theatre **7 RE P, 7 RE W, 7 RE Y**

St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber: **7 RE B, 7 RE G, 7 RE R**

Day Two Wednesday 24th February

Remaining at school on-site in the Hall and Theatre **7 RE B, 7 RE G, 7 RE R**

St Joseph's Spirituality Centre - Kincumber: **7 RE P, 7 RE W, 7 RE Y**

Information about the excursion:



- Students are expected to wear their **formal summer school uniform** (boys are to wear their blue chambray shirt to St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber). If this is not possible, then the regular summer uniform.
- Students will need to bring their own food and drink for morning tea and lunch for both days but especially when at Kincumber as there are **NO facilities available to purchase morning tea or lunch**.
- **The permission note needs to be completed via COMPASS by Friday 19th February at the latest (your child's RE teacher will be following this up).**
- **Students will NOT be allowed to access mobile phones or iPads at any of the venues**, however, they may have a mobile phone with them if necessary to inform parents of arrival times in the afternoons.

Travel Arrangements:

On the applicable day, students travelling to **St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre Kincumber** will be required to be at Mackillop Catholic College promptly at **8.15am**. They will need to gather in the TAS Driveway to complete a roll call, board the coaches and will return to the College for normal school buses at **3.20pm** (depending on traffic).

PLEASE NOTE: **as required by the NSW Government ALL students travelling on public transport must wear a face mask**. So please ensure you have a face mask **for the day you are travelling to Kincumber**.

Also, if buses are delayed by traffic on the way home, a call will be made to the front office to inform the College and parents can be notified by the College app. Students will also be given permission to call home via their mobile phone, should traffic be a problem.

If the student is staying on-site for their Spirituality Day at the College they must be at school by 8.45am and gather in the CA area for roll call.

Please complete the **permission note and medical information form online via COMPASS**. Compass may ask you to fill out two permission notes, please do so as both these days are at separate sites.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Chrystal Price

Religious Education Coordinator (Secondary)