

12 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the Year 9 Urban Challenge program, Year 9 students will be travelling to Sydney for three days – Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st October.

Depart: 7:00am -Students are to meet in the Auditorium

Return: 6:00pm.

Please note:

- Students are to be at school no later than 6.45am for a 7.00am departure.
- A comfort stop will be taken at Sutton Forest on the journey to and from Sydney. At this time, students will be able to eat a packed morning snack that they will need to bring from home on the trip to Sydney. There will not be an opportunity to access fast food restaurants.
- Students should be picked up from the Auditorium on Friday 21 October at approximately 6:00pm.

Urban Challenge have created a private page for our College on their website where information can be found about the program. During the program, the private page will allow parents/carers the opportunity to watch the progress of the teams and assist to help your daughter's team earn extra points. Using the login details listed below, parents/carers can access challenges, read the team's daily blogs and view photos and videos from each day. This portal will open closer to the program and will stay open long after it has finished so that students and parents can download images from the program:

Go to www.theurbanchallenge.com.au.

Click on 'Log in' and log in with:

- Username: meriurban
- Password: meri2022

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Should your daughter require medication to be administered during camp (including Panadol and Nurofen), please package this in a sealed plastic bag and on the morning of camp and given to your Daughter's group supervising teacher.

Epipens and Asthma sprays may be held by the student, but please provide the First Aid Officer with any extra instructions for usage. The bag should be clearly labelled with the student's name and dosage requirements.

An equipment list is available on the Urban Challenge website and attached for your information. It is recommended that students do not take mobile devices such as phones or iPods to the Urban Challenge. Should students take such devices, restrictions will be placed on their use during the program. The College will not be responsible for the loss or damage to such items.

The safety and wellbeing of students and staff is the highest priority. The Urban Challenge holds a comprehensive COVID-19 Management Plan, and use accredited providers for activities, and have working procedures and contingencies set in place. The program students engage in has been modified to avoid crowded and congested areas, adhering to state and federal guidelines. The Urban Challenge COVID-19 Management Plan addresses general hygiene protocols and physical distancing, the use of public transport, the provision of meals, use of equipment and accommodation.

We anticipate that the Year 9 Urban Challenge will be a positive and memorable experience for each student. Normal College conduct will be expected. **Parents will be contacted and asked to collect their daughter if any serious misbehavior occurs.**

If you have any queries regarding your daughter's participation in the Urban Challenge, please don't hesitate to contact your daughter's House Coordinator or myself (kate.durham@merici.act.edu.au).

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