Year 9 Melbourne Tour Update

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| **Monday 10 – Thursday 13 April** | **Departing Flight:** 9:35am Monday 10 April  
Flight Number VA214  
**Returning Flight:** 3:30pm Thursday 13 April  
Flight Number VA229 | **$650.00** (approx.) |

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Year 9 Melbourne Tour is fast approaching and the students are excited. There are some details to complete but the bulk of the planning has been done.

The teachers attending the tour are Jodie O’Donnell and David McLaren (subject to change).

**ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

We are staying at the **YHA Melbourne Metro Australia** while in Melbourne. The Melbourne Metro YHA is located close to major tram lines, the main means of transport during our stay in Melbourne. The YHA will provide a cooked breakfast each day.

We will dine at the **Universal Restaurant** in Lygon Street on Monday night (included in the price) and we will eat dinner at two other locations on Tuesday and Wednesday night. **Students will need to bring their own money for these dinners.** Students will be presented with many choices, so they can experience the diversity of Melbourne eateries.

**Students are required to bring money each day for lunches.**

**COST**

The anticipated cost for the trip is $650.00 per student, which covers:

- Flights
- Accommodation and breakfasts at YHA
- Bus, train and airport transfers
- Entry to the major attractions listed in this letter
- Dinner on Monday night
- Bus from the Goolwa Campus to the airport

Please note that the College understands that in some cases, families may find this extra cost difficult. You may indicate on the reply slip attached if you will:

1. Follow the attached College Payment Schedule
2. Pay the deposit of $200 by Friday 24 February, with the balance to be paid in full by Friday 24 March.

Please return a $200 non-refundable deposit, consent slip and payment selection to the College by Friday 24 February and list any dietary concerns. Numbers are necessary to complete the bookings. Please note that the total balance is required to be paid by Friday 24 March.

DEPARTURE DETAILS - MONDAY 10 APRIL
Coach transport from the Goolwa Campus to Adelaide Airport on Monday has been arranged, with a departure time of **7:00am**. Students are required to be at the Goolwa Campus by **6:30am** so luggage can be loaded.

If you are taking your son/daughter to the airport on Monday morning, please ensure you are at the Virgin Airlines check-in area at **8:30am** to meet the rest of the travelling group.

Please indicate how your son/daughter will be travelling to the airport on the reply slip attached.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

**DEPARTURE**
Our flight to Melbourne is with Virgin Airlines and is flight VA214 which departs Adelaide at 9:35am and arrives in Melbourne at 11:20am.

**RETURN**
Our return flight to Adelaide is also with Virgin Airlines, flight VA229. We check in at Melbourne Airport and depart at 2:25pm arriving back in Adelaide at **3:30pm**. Parents are required to organise their own travel arrangements from Adelaide Airport to home.

CLOTHING
We are asking students to wear their College Sports Rugby top with smart casual pants or shorts for travelling to Melbourne and on the return trip to Adelaide. This is to make identification of Investigator College students simpler at both Adelaide and Melbourne Airports. During the rest of the trip, students will be able to wear smart, appropriate, casual clothing. We will be doing a lot of walking, so sensible and comfortable footwear is recommended. A detailed packing list will be provided closer to the tour.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS
Students should bring a daypack that they can use to carry their lunch, a drink bottle, camera and personal items while they are out and about.

If students wish to buy drinks, nibbles, ice creams and the like, we suggest that $20.00-$30.00 per day would be more than enough. This should include money to purchase lunch. This amount is up to each family to decide. There will be opportunities to shop for souvenirs at the attractions we visit, and at the Queen Victoria Market on the Tuesday morning. If students wish to take up this opportunity, they may want to bring along some extra money. Students will need to be responsible for their own money and any other items of value.
MOBILE PHONES & DEVICES
Although we are not encouraging students to take mobile phones, they are a valuable means of communication and important if someone becomes separated from the group. All students will be given the College contact number.

We also understand that many students use their phones as cameras and so will use them to record the trip. There will be times when students will have ‘down time’ so if they want to bring an iPod they are able to do so at their own risk.

ATTRACTIONS
Among the attractions the students will visit are:

- IMAX and Melbourne Museum
- The Melbourne Gaol
- The Shrine of Remembrance and Botanical Gardens
- The Queen Victoria Market
- The Holden Centre (home base of Collingwood Football Club)
- Southbank precinct
- The MCG and National Sports Museum
- Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
- Federation Square
- China Town
- The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)
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A more detailed itinerary will available closer to the tour. Students will also meet regularly with Mrs O’Donnell and Mr McLaren to discuss the tour in more detail.

Please return the attached reply slip with deposit or full payment to the College by Friday 24 February.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Travis
Middle School Team Leader
Goolwa Campus

Belinda Delyster
Middle School Team Leader
Victor Harbor Campus
CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Student: .................................................................................................................

Home Group: ..............................

☐ I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Year 9 Melbourne Tour.

☐ My son/daughter will not be attending the Year 9 Melbourne Tour.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

I understand that the anticipated total cost of the trip is $650.00, with the final cost to be confirmed by the College as soon as possible.

☐ I will follow the attached payment plan and understand the full balance is to be paid by Friday 24 March.

☐ I have enclosed the $200.00 deposit and will pay the balance by Friday 24 March.

DIETARY CONCERNS

Please list any information regarding your son/daughter’s food allergies/needs (not likes and dislikes):

Dietary information: ☐ Lactose intolerant ☐ Gluten intolerant

☐ Nut allergy ☐ Other

☐ Details:

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TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

My son/daughter will:

☐ catch the bus from the Goolwa Campus to Adelaide Airport on Monday 10 April.

☐ travel to the Airport in private transport on Monday 10 April.

☐ I have made arrangements to collect my son/daughter from the Airport on Thursday 13 April.

I confirm that the College has current and correct medical information/contact details for my child.

Name: .................................................................................................................

Signature: .................................................................................................

Parent/Caregiver

Please return to the College by FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY
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**Approximate total cost $650.00. Final amount to be confirmed.**