Welcome to Marieville Esplanade Campus

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Hutchins Power of 9, I would like to welcome you to a very different educational experience. Your sons are just about to begin the ‘Challenge’ component of their academic program. No doubt, you have already heard stories and descriptions of what happens day to day at Marieville Esplanade.

The focus for the challenge is personal growth. We challenge the boys to view their world differently, make responsible decisions and become independent learners. In order to achieve these goals, we will give the boys opportunities to be on their own, in small groups to complete challenges, undertake study and complete tasks. The program is designed to be dynamic and flexible. This means that there are some activities which we will intentionally spring on them at short notice. We will do our best to keep you informed.

They will undertake a number of subject-based units of work and will have assignments to complete in their own time. They can choose to work on them at home, at Marieville campus during breaks or any other time where they have an opportunity.

We will make opportunities for families to be involved in the program and encourage you to check information on the School Sharepoint Website http://apollo.hutchins.tas.edu.au/community/power9/default.aspx. This site will have homework, assignment and program information.

There will be an information night next Thursday, October 4. This will be at 7.00pm, at the Marieville Esplanade Campus. This will be an opportunity for us to meet, review the program and discuss and answer any queries about the expedition. We are planning an excursion/challenge on Day 1 (Monday 1/10/12) that will require a returned permission form (see over).

If you have any concerns about the challenge program, please phone myself or Peter Brown at school on 62236450 or on mobile, 0429442007 (Ken) 0410606900 (Peter). We look forward to working with you and hope to meet you on Thursday night.

Regards,

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator
Minor Excursion/Marieville Challenge Permission Form

During the next 9 weeks students will be involved in a number of Challenges and experiences as part of their school work. A major focus on being reliable, trustworthy and independent requires that there will be times when boys are asked to work in small groups around the Hobart CBD.

There will also be excursions and field-work as part of the academic program. These will involve walking to local areas around our campus or using school buses to transport students.

Boys are expected to take on responsibility for moving to and from our campus to main campus in groups without direct teacher supervision. We have an agreed procedure for this which is explained at the beginning of the program.

We do not have facilities for buying lunch at our Campus. Students are encouraged to bring lunch, although they may be allowed, from time to time, to visit the Sandy Bay shopping precinct to buy lunch. Again, there are protocols and agreed rules for this which includes limits, group sizes and sign in/out procedures. We suggest this be limited to once per week.

The permission form below relates to the activities and excursions that occur regularly during this program as well as our Marine Extension on the first day of program. Any other major excursions will have extra information made available prior to commencement.

Marine Extension #1- This will take place on 1/10/12, 9.00am-3.30pm and will involve a sail training trip on the Derwent River on a charter vessel. Boys will be climbing rigging and be in the water as part of this challenge. They will wear harnesses at height and PFD’s/wetsuits whilst in the water. They will require bathers, towel, cut lunch/drink/sunscreen/hat and warm/waterproof jacket. They will be supervised by qualified Hutchins and contractor staff at all times.

Regards,

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator

Marine Ext #1/Minor Excursion

Student’s name: ________________________________

Has permission to be involved in Marine Extension Day #1 on 1/10/12.
I also give permission for participation in minor excursions and activities whilst at Marieville Esplanade Campus as outlined at the parent briefing night.

Parent/carer’s name: __________________________

Signature: _____________________ Date: ___________