Dear Parent

In this challenge, boys will explore the greater Hobart city precinct, learn to read maps, navigate using GPS and learn some facts, culture and history along the way.

The challenge will run over Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February. Students will be in teams of 3-4. They will travel from Marieville Esplanade Campus in search of clues, markers & checkpoints. The activities will be undertaken during normal school hours and students will be given strict safety guidelines to adhere to.

Please be aware that a part of this challenge requires students to travel around Hobart unsupervised as they hunt for the clues. Staff will be located at check points, which students must ‘pass by’ and check in. Teams will be required to carry a mobile phone and leave a phone number so that we are able to contact them between these locations if necessary.

Students will also be bike riding as part of day 2 of this challenge. For cycling, it is preferable that they provide their own bike and helmet. If not possible, we have a limited number of bikes and helmets which we can loan to students. Please have your son make arrangements with us regarding this if necessary. Safety vests will be supplied and boys will be riding on the Inter-city Cycleway to MONA and return.

Students are to participate in plain clothes. Adequate clothing for all weather types is required (spray jacket/hat/sunscreen). The challenges will proceed regardless of weather. Special attention should be given to comfortable and supportive footwear.

Teams must have at least 1 mobile phone per group and register the phone number with staff prior to departure.

The challenges will test brain and body as well as communication and teamwork.

Please acknowledge that you are aware of the details of this challenge by signing in the box below. If you have any concerns about the challenge, please phone me at school on 6223 6450 or on mobile, 0429 442 007.

Regards,

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator

I am aware of the details of Urban Challenge and I give consent for ______________________ to participate.

Signed: __________________  Printed Name:_________________________               Date: ______________