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, February 16th. This will be at 7.00pm, at Marieville Campus. This will be an opportunity for us to meet, review the program and to start preparations for the expedition.

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 (we have facilities for toasted sandwiches/microwave). Students are allowed 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. Any major excursions will have extra information made available prior to commencement.

Regards,

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator

Student’s name: ______________________________

Has permission to be involved in minor excursions and activities whilst at Marieville Esplanade Campus as outlined at the parent briefing night.

Parent/carer’s name: __________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: _________________