

## Tournament Of Minds – Middle School

Thursday May 18, 2017

Dear Parents

This is a preliminary notice to let you know that your child, (student name), has expressed his/her interest in participating in the Tournament Of Minds challenge.

This is an annual interschool competition that promotes creativity, enterprise, collaboration and time management in a competitive environment. This will take place this year on **Saturday August 26, 2017** at **Mount Lilydale Mercy College**. If we go through to the **Victorian Branch Final**, it will be held at **La Trobe University, Bundoora on Sunday September 10, 2017**.

We will be meeting weekly during school hours to practise spontaneous challenges and learn skills that will be helpful to the presentation of the Long Term Challenge. The team will be required to work together on the Long Term Challenge for six weeks leading up to the competition. This could include some weekend get-togethers. Only students who are able to make the commitment for the full six weeks as well as the full day on August 26 and possibly September 10 will be considered when choosing the team. A team of seven students will be chosen across Middle School, at least two from each year but not more than four from any one year level. There was an overwhelming response in favour of the Maths Engineering category. A final decision will be made after July 18.

This is a great opportunity and the positive response from students has been pleasing. Please confirm by email [loconnell@mecs.vic.edu.au](mailto:loconnell@mecs.vic.edu.au) whether, (student name), is able to commit to the Tournament Of Minds challenge.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email [loconnell@mecs.vic.edu.au](mailto:loconnell@mecs.vic.edu.au) or check out the website [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au) for further information.

Kind regards

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