Year 11 Biology Excursion Notice 21 October 2013

Dear Parents,

I am writing to advise you of an upcoming excursion of the Year 11 Biology class to attend a workshop at the Melbourne Aquarium. The ‘Creating Environments’ program covers a range of topics in Unit 2 Biology such as:

INTRODUCTION
- Environments and ecosystems
- Biotic and abiotic factors
- Limiting factors

ANTARCTICA
- Keystone species
- Roles within a food web
- Decline in a population

SEAHORSE PIER
- Structural, physiological and behavioural adaptations

CORAL ATOLL
- Symbiotic relationships
- Environmental issues: coral bleaching, ocean acidification, pest species

OCEANARIUM
- Introduced species
- Filtration and mimicking a natural system

All parents/guardians will need to complete and return the permission form below by Friday 25 October. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 9738 6061 or via email at etresidder@mecs.vic.edu.au. During the excursion I will have my mobile phone with me at all times. If the need arises during the excursion feel free to contact me on 0432143916.

EXCURSION DATE: Monday 28 October
DEPARTURE TIME: From the Senior School at 12:00 noon
TRANSPORT: MECS 12 seater bus, to be driven by Emma Tresidder
VENUE: Melbourne Aquarium, Cnr King and Flinders Streets, Melbourne, Victoria
RETURN: To the Senior School at approximately 4:45pm (please note – this is later than normal school finish time and transport will need to be arranged accordingly)

TO BRING: Students should wear comfortable clothing, and bring writing materials such as a pen and notepad. They will also need to bring food and a water bottle for the day.

Sincerely,

Emma Tresidder
Year 11 Biology Teacher

I give permission for my child, ________________________________, to attend the Year 11 Biology excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium on Monday 28 October, 2013. In the event of illness or injury, whilst my child is on the excursion, I authorise the teacher-in-charge, where I am not contactable, or it is impracticable to contact me, to:
- Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner;
- Administer the necessary first aid, as the staff member judges to be reasonably necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________
Date: __________________