March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year as part of the Year 11 and 12 Integrated Science, Biology Curriculum in Senior School, the students will be undertaking an environmental study of biodiversity of two wetland areas on or near the school grounds. The first site is the wetlands off South Coast Hwy, just down from the school. The second site is one on the school grounds. It is a more valuable learning experience to go out into the environment and see and collect data first hand. All students will be required to collect data and will work as a group to analyse it and present the information.

They will sample water, soil, flora and fauna. This data will be analysed back in the school laboratory.

The date of this class’s excursions to the wetlands will be next Wednesday the 29th March and Wednesday 5th April (weeks 9 and 10) during periods recess 3 & 4, (our class time). Students will walk to the site. Normal school uniform is required with a good jumper, closed shoes and possibly a rain coat if the weather is rainy. We will go and gather data even if it is wet. If it is hailing we may change the excursion to weeks 10 and 1 (next term). For water sampling a pair of waders is available.

Further excursions may be necessary next term for more data collection.

Please complete the section below giving your child permission to attend this excursion asap.

This task will be worth 20% of their semester 1 grade.

Yours sincerely

J Findlay

(Integrated Science Teacher)

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I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Give permission for

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Student name) to walk to the environmental study of the Denmark wetland, during periods 3 & 4 on Wednesday 29th March and 5th April 2017 (or some close date if weather is not suitable).

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