



Last week of Term 2

- *The following information addresses the main criteria for discussion at our parent information night (Tuesday 30th May)*
- *City Cite (a Term 3 event) will also be addressed on the night - please look out for an additional City Cite booklet outlining this program.*

Student Community Involvement Program (SCIP)

Urban Mission

Wollangarra-hiking experience

Dear Parents and Students

In the last week of Term 2 (26th-30th June) our Year 9 students will be participating in one of three activities. **Student Community Involvement Program (SCIP)**, **Urban Mission** or **Wollangarra**. The last of these two are voluntary programs, which students have previously applied for, and all those who did so have been accepted into them. With regards to Wollangarra, information has been sent home and any inquiries can be made directly to Mrs Rebecca Rhyder. Students doing Urban Mission have also been informed and information regarding this program is being sent out by Mr Bruce Langford. He will be able to help you with any inquiries or questions regarding Urban Mission.

All other students will be engaged in the **Student Community Involvement Program (SCIP)**. This is an exploration of the significant aspect of our Australian culture that is volunteer community service. It is also a chance to contribute to those in need in our community and support people working in that space.

We see SCIP as a great opportunity for students to step out and exercise a bit of independence, to give of themselves and to experience a side of life a little different from what they are used to.

We have good relationships with a number of community organisations who have offered us the opportunity to engage with our students and we have placed our Year 9s within those organisations for the week.

During that week, I will endeavour to keep in contact with the organisations and a staff member will make a visit at some stage. Other than that, students will make their way to and from these workplaces independently.

At present students participating in this program have been allocated a placement at a particular organisation. In most cases this has been determined either from their own preferences or the workplace's proximity to their home address. Students have now been informed of their placement and the necessary legal paperwork has been filed with those organisations. After June 1st, we will send home (with students) some important correspondence for your information and consent. If there are any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me at any stage.

Regards

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