

28 September 2022

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons of Year 11 Biology students,

RE: Year 11 Biology Excursion

On **Monday 10 October**, Year 11 Biology students will be spending the day at Werribee Open Range Zoo where they will take part in a 'bioethics and adaptations in the grasslands' workshop. This relates directly to the units studied in Biology during term 4 and will give students a hands-on learning opportunity as well as a chance to experience what careers in zoology could entail.

Given the presence of animals and their feed (which can include varieties of grasses, seeds and pollens), it has been recommended by our school nurse that students with mild allergies such as hay fever could take a preventative antihistamine tablet in the morning. This will ensure those students enjoy the most comfortable day as possible. In the case that any issues should arise during the course of the day, rest assured that the staff attending will carry first aid kits with all necessary equipment and medications as per school policy and practice.

On the day of the excursion, students should not attend homeroom, but meet at the basketball court to be registered before departing on the bus at 8.50am.

We have a Safari Bus tour scheduled for 1.00pm and aim to be returning to school by 3.35pm but may return slightly later if traffic conditions are bad.

Attire: Sports uniform, including correct tracksuit pants

Food arrangements: Bring all food required for the day in well-sealed bags or boxes. We cannot guarantee that there will be access to facilities to purchase food at the Zoo

Weather: This is an all-weather event. Students are asked to bring sunscreen, hats or raincoats and warm clothing as required on the day.

What else to bring: students will need to bring a small notebook or paper and a pen to complete written work on the day. They may also carry their provisions in their backpacks.

For any inquires or concerns, please contact myself (LPO@ags.vic.edu.au)

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Yours Sincerely,

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