

1 February 2023

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons

**RE: VCE Greek Immersion Camp: Thursday 2 February and Friday 3 February 2023**

As part of our coursework and exam preparation a VCE Greek Immersion Camp (ΓλωσσικόΔιήμερο) has been organized for Thursday 2 February and Friday 3 February. It is an exciting opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a totally Greek speaking environment, while exploring the topic of Greek Migration to Australia.

The story of migration to Australia goes back many years and is one of the topics of study in the VCE course for students in Units 1 and 3. It is also the topic for discussion in Section B of the Oral Exam for Unit 4 students. The Bonegilla Migrant Hostel was the first residence in Australia for many migrants of the 1950s through to 1970s; among those were many migrants from Greece. It is an important part of the narrative of the migration journey.

We have organized a trip to the Bonegilla Migrant Experience, now a museum, in Wodonga. This will give us the opportunity to understand the living conditions, daily life and personal stories of the migrants who went through Bonegilla. We will depart school by bus at 8.30am and travel to the site. A tour of the site will take around two hours and include a stop for lunch. Our bus will then take us to our accommodation at the Mantra in Albury, where we will stay for one night. Boys will stay in a room of three and the girls will stay in their own room, as part of a two-bedroom suite, which they will share with their teachers, Ms Diakodimitriou and Mrs Terezakis. We will use the afternoon to complete discussion and writing activities in Greek, which will include getting-to-know-you activities, as well as discussing and writing about what we learned at Bonegilla. Dinner has been booked at a local Mediterranean restaurant, within walking distance of the hotel. After breakfast at the hotel, we depart Albury with V Line services at 9.00am, from Albury Station, which is in the same street as our accommodation. We will travel by coach to Seymour and then by train to Southern Cross Station. We will then take the train to Alphington Station and walk back to school. We should arrive by 2.00pm.

What to bring:

- bilingual dictionary, pens, a mask and sanitizer
- toiletries, pyjamas and comfortable clothes
- medications should be brought along in a clearly labeled plastic bag, along with instructions
- lunch for the first day (we will be eating in the grounds of Bonegilla)

Any further questions can be directed to your child's VCE Greek teacher. We look forward to an enjoyable and productive language experience.

Yours Sincerely,

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Head Of LOTE

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