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EAC Kakadu to Uluru Educational and Cultural Tour

Dear students and parents,

The College is exploring the possibility of organising a cultural and educational tour travelling from Kakadu to Uluru in the September-October holidays. The trip is open to secondary students and will be managed by Across Australia Travel, supported by a 24 hours guide and overseen by Mrs Felicity Regan (Secondary Teacher). A copy of the itinerary has been attached.

The next step is to seek expressions of interest from the College community to gauge if there might be enough interest to make the trip viable. There is no obligation or expectation connected to expressing an interest. If more than 20 people express an interest we will arrange for a representative from Across Australia Travel to come to the College and run an information session about the trip. The expected cost is approximately \$3500. This figure is based on 24 students participating and will vary if the numbers change.

On this excursion, students will have the opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of Australia's diverse natural environment and our place within it. As part of this, students will spend time with the Aboriginal people of the Wanmarra Community and over two days, will help in the construction of a sustainable agriculture and bush tucker project. They will also learn the stories and cultural practices of the land. This activity will count towards student participation in the Lighthouse Program.

If you would like to express an interest please complete the Expression of Interest Form below and return it to Mrs Felicity Regan or the College office by March 3. If you do have any further questions please contact Mrs Felicity Regan at fregan@eac.nsw.edu.au or via the College office on 6681 5054.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Mellissa Evans
Deputy Principal

Mrs Felicity Regan
Tour Organiser

EAC Kakadu to Uluru Educational and Cultural Tour – Expression of Interest

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Yes I would be interested in attending an information session about the tour.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Phone: _____

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Northern Territory Itinerary

13 Day Brisbane/Darwin /Uluru Excursion
Departing Friday September 22, 2017

DAY 1 Friday September 22 DARWIN (LD)

A transfer coach will arrive at the school early in the morning to transfer you to the Brisbane Airport to join our Qantas flight direct to Darwin (Qantas flight QF 824 departing at 9.00 am) On arrival in Darwin at 12.50 pm, you will be met by our special Northern Territory coach and crew and enjoy a brief city tour and the time to set up our camp, enjoy lunch and an afternoon around the pool at the resort. After dinner tonight travel back into Darwin to enjoy a movie at the Deck Chair Cinema. Camp in is at the Darwin at the Free Spirit Resort for 2 nights.

Emergency contact. Tel: 08 8935 0888

DAY 2 Saturday September 23 LITCHFIELD PARK (BL)

Today you travel into Litchfield National Park. Many try to compare Kakadu and Litchfield, which is a mistake, as both have their own particular beauty. Just 2 hours south of Darwin, Litchfield has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territories crown. The 65,000 ha National Park has untouched rainforests, hot springs, magnificent waterfalls and stunning scenery. You will visit a number of falls including Florence, Tolmer and Wangi and if conditions allow there will be time for a swim at Florence and Wangi Falls. Also included is a visit to the unique termite mounds. After an interesting day return to our camp in Darwin. In the early evening visit the famous Mindil Markets, a fabulous local market offering over 200 stalls from more than 30 different countries. Here you can purchase your own dinner and then view the magnificent sunset over the Darwin Harbour whilst eating your dinner. This is also a great opportunity to purchase a souvenir or two.

DAY 3 Sunday September 24 KAKADU NATIONAL PARK - JABIRU (BLD)

Before we leave the capital today visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory for a guided tour. Here you will see the exhibition of how Cyclone Tracey affected Darwin in 1974. We then continue onto Crocodylus Park for a private tour. This is one of the best places to come face to face with the largest reptiles on the planet. Built upon 30 years experience in crocodile research and conservation, the park hosts too thousands of crocodiles. The Park's trained tour guide helps you to understand its wildlife research. From here its then on Australia's largest National Park, Kakadu. See the extensive rock paintings and the great sunset at Ubirr. Marvel at the scenery of the East Alligator region before heading into Jabiru for you camp night. Enjoy a swim at the caravan park before dinner.

Camp for the next 2 nights at the Kakadu Lodge and Caravan Park. **Emergency contact. Tel: 08 8979 2422**

DAY 4 Monday September 25 NOURLANGIE ROCK – YELLOW WATERS CRUISE (BLD)

After breakfast today you travel to Nourlangie Rock for a special talk by a Kakadu National Park Ranger. Here we will visit the Anbangbang Gallery (archaeological dig site) and the Anbangbang Gallery (art site with creation stories). From Nourlangie we travel to Warradjan Aboriginal Centre to gain an insight into cultural significance the park holds for its traditional owners We continue on to

Cooinda for an afternoon cruise on the Heritage Listed Yellow Waters Lagoon, to see a myriad of waterbirds, crocodiles and goannas in their natural habitat as we cruise the freshwater floodplains of the upper South Alligator River.

DAY 5 Tuesday September 26

KATHERINE GORGE - DALY WATERS (BLD)

Up early this morning as you continue toward the Stuart Highway and Pine Creek. Travel to the 4th largest township in the Northern Territory, Katherine. After lunch visit Katherine Gorge where you take a 2 hour cruise along this beautiful waterway. Continue on through to the beautiful Mataranka Homestead and thermal pools for a relaxing swim. Here every minute 16,500 litres of water at a constant temperature of 34 degrees gush into the clear crystal pool fringed with palm trees. Continue on to our overnight camp tonight at the Daly Waters Hotel Caravan Park.

Emergency contact: Tel: 08 8975 9927

DAY 6 Wednesday September 27

DALY WATERS – ALICE SPRINGS (BLD)

This morning we depart from Daly Waters and continue south along the Stuart Highway to arrive at the Devil's Marbles located 90 kms south of Tennant Creek. Here hundreds of granite boulders lie scattered across the plain, some huge, some tiny and some perched in impossible positions. To the geologist they are the remains of the ancient mountains that once rose here, but to the aborigines they are the eggs of the Rainbow Serpent Wanambi. In the afternoon continue onto to Alice Springs.

Camp for the next 2 nights at the MacDonnell Range Holiday Park. Emergency contact. Tel: 08 8952 6111

DAY 7 Thursday September 28 ALICE SPRINGS (BLD)

This morning we travel to the Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre an award winning sustainable living environment located 15 kilometres south of Alice Springs overlooking the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges. The display centre integrates six categories to help visitors become more sustainable – energy, water, food, utilities, shelter and wellbeing. From solar and wind farms to geodesic domes, students learn how all these elements have been actioned at the sanctuary. The morning also offers interactive cultural experiences such as spear throwing, bush tucker, outback survival discussions and first aid. Sample indigenous food and enjoy making damper. Return to our camp for lunch. After lunch continue our sightseeing with a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and learn how this marvelous facility operates to provide a "Mantle of Safety" to the people in the outback. In the afternoon return to the caravan park to perhaps enjoy a swim in one of the many pools or have some free time in the township a good chance to purchase those elusive souvenirs.

DAY 8 Friday September 29 ALICE - KINGS CANYON (BLD)

This morning you depart The Alice and head along the Lassiter Highway stopping en-route for a camel ride, then travel across Angas Downs Station to Kings Creek Station to set up our camp. In the afternoon travel to Kings Canyon located in the Wataarka National Park, Northern Territory's most spectacular gorge with sheer cliff faces which tower 270 metres above. This afternoon enjoy a walk along the canyon floor as it meanders beside Kings Creek and capture the breathtaking views of the skyline, colour and the proportions of the surrounding sandstone walls. **Camp for the next 3 nights is at the Kings Creek Station Caravan Park.**

Emergency contact. Tel: 08 8956 7474

**DAYS 9 and 10 Saturday and Sunday September 30 and October 1
Wanmarra Community (BLD)**

After breakfast we travel a short journey to the Wanmarra Community. On arrival we meet Peter the leader, and other members of the community. The community here are hard working building their own horticulture and other projects. Our aim is to assist them over a 2 day period in achieving part of their plans for the future. After our day's work we return to the caravan park for a swim in the pool. On Monday morning after an early breakfast we travel to Kings Canyon for a morning climb to the top of the canyon rim with spectacular views. Red sandstone walls plunge into lush vegetation and natural rock pools. View the "Garden of Eden" and the domes of "The Lost City". After what is one of the best walks in Central Australia we return to the Wanmarra Community to continue our work assisting our new friends at the community.

DAY 11 Monday October 2 THE OLGAS & ULURU (BLD)

Today we travel to Yulara and Uluru. After setting up camp at Yulara you travel out to the Olgas known to the Aboriginal people as Kuta Kjuta (meaning many heads). On arrival the size and grandeur of these 36 massive domes will impress you. These ancient, weather- beaten mountains covering an area of 3500 ha are far larger and just imposing as Uluru. An exciting walk into the "Valley of the Winds "will see you dwarfed by the near vertical walls of the domes. Continue on to Sunset Strip to view the sun setting over Uluru. **Camp Ayers Rock Resort Campground for 2 nights.**

Emergency contact. Tel: 08 8957 7010

Day 12 Tuesday October 3 ULURU (BLD)

Up early this morning so that you have the opportunity to walk around Uluru in the cool of the morning. You next visit the Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre operated by the Anangu people, the traditional owners of Uluru. The centre consists of 2 buildings shaped to represent the ancestral snakes of Kuniya and Liru. Learn about the culture and Tjukurpa (Aboriginal Law) of the Anangu. Our touring then includes a leisurely drive around Uluru stopping off at a number of interesting features of the monolith including a leisurely walk into the Mutijulu Waterhole. After lunch, time is made for flights and other options (own cost) and some shopping.

Day 13 Wednesday October 4 FLIGHT HOME (B)

After another hearty breakfast we board the coach to the Ayers Rock airport for our Jetstar flights home departing at 12.35 pm to Brisbane via Sydney. Lunch are at own arrangements today prior to boarding your flight. On arrival in Brisbane at 8.25 pm our transfer coach will be waiting to take us back to school.

Inclusion of meal codes:

B = breakfast L = Lunch D = dinner (35 meals in total)