

12 April 2017

2018 Kokoda Track Expedition

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

A Kokoda Track expedition to Papua New Guinea is being planned for 2018. We anticipate conducting the expedition during the July vacation period. The actual expedition is 11 days in duration which involves an 8 day trek from Owers' Corner (40km from Port Moresby) to Kokoda. The purpose of the expedition is to offer dedicated students an outstanding opportunity to gain a sense of respect and understanding for the courage and sacrifice the men of the 39th Battalion made during WWII. Participants will bring back invaluable and inspiring experiences to share with their peers.

The anticipated cost of the expedition is \$5650.00.¹ This price is based on a minimum of 15 students. It includes:

- flight from Sydney to Port Moresby
- transfer from Port Moresby airport to Gateway Hotel Port Moresby
- two nights' accommodation in Port Moresby (one night on forward, one night on return journey)
- allowance for meals at Gateway Hotel
- transfer from Port Moresby to Owers' Corner
- Kokoda trek
- flight from Kokoda to Port Moresby
- flight from Port Moresby to Sydney

Optional Extras include a Personal Carrier:

- 1 Personal Carrier per 2 trekkers - \$375 per person (advisable)
- 1 Personal Carrier per 1 trekker - \$750 per person

An expression of interest is now requested in order to ascertain the viability of this trip. If you would like your son / daughter to participate, please complete the attached expression of interest form by 26 May 2017.

An information evening will be held later this term, when a more definite itinerary will be available. The information evening will also address issues such as the pre trek training program, medical clearances, vaccinations, optional extras (personal carriers) and gear required. Please contact me if you require further information regarding this initiative. (simone.kerr1@det.nsw.edu.au).

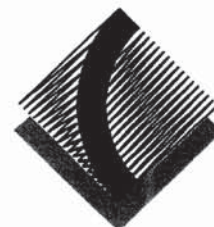
Yours faithfully



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¹ Travel insurance is mandatory and trekkers will not be allowed to commence the trek without the trek operators holding insurance details. A budget of \$140.00 is suggested. A payment plan will be available for the \$5650.00 expedition cost

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – KOKODA TRACK EXPEDITION 2018

I am interested in my son / daughter _____
participating in the **KOKODA TRACK EXPEDITION 2018**.

Name (Parent/Caregiver): _____

Signature (Parent/Caregiver): _____

Date: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Alternate email: _____

This section to be returned to Miss Kerr by Friday 26 May 2017