
5 July 2024

Dear Parents

BRIDGE COMPETITION – SYDNEY 8 – 10 AUGUST 2024

Your child is taking part in the M7-M12 Integration Project Bridge Competition, being run by Engineering Link Group in conjunction with Westlink M7 and Transurban.

To compete in this competition, student teams have each been designing and building a bridge using spaghetti and glue. The bridge will be professionally load tested by engineers from Transurban. The winning bridge will be the one which is able to bear the greatest load.

Competition Details

Bridge testing will take place in Sydney on Friday 9 August 2024 at:
Westlink M7 Eastern Creek Control Centre
101 Wallgrove Road (cnr Wonderland Drive), Eastern Creek

On Friday 9 August, as well as attending the testing, students will participate in site tours, demonstrations and display stands from Engineers Australia, and the University of Western Sydney will have staff on site to answer questions. Students will be provided with lunch.

Travel

Students will travel to Sydney by car, driven by John Stanton and one other Walcha Central School staff member. Students will depart from school during the day on Thursday 8 August and return to Walcha on Saturday 10 August 2024. It is the responsibility of parents to make arrangements for students to travel home from Walcha Central School on Saturday.

Accommodation

Students will be staying at
Ibis Budget,
337-383 Great Western Highway, Wentworthville

Cost

The total cost per student for this excursion is \$50 (*this includes breakfast at the accommodation*) to be paid in full no later than Wednesday 31 July 2024. *As the office is closed during the school holidays, please make payment after 23 July 2024.* Walcha Central School has heavily subsidised the cost of transport and accommodation for this excursion.

Students should bring their recess and lunch to school on Thursday. Students will be expected to purchase dinner on Thursday and Friday nights, and lunch on Saturday. All students attending the excursion are expected to sign a contract of behaviour (attached) which should be witnessed by their parents.

Clothing for the excursion is smart casual. As there is a significant amount of walking involved, we ask that students make sure they have comfortable walking shoes, preferably joggers. Students should wear their school uniform to the testing.

If you require further information relating to the excursion, please contact the school on 6777 2777 and speak to Mr Stanton.

Please complete the attached consent form, medical information and behaviour contract and return them to the school office by Wednesday 31 July 2024.

Yours sincerely

John Stanton
EXCURSION COORDINATOR

Adam Hall
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

CONSENT NOTE

BRIDGE COMPETITION – SYDNEY

8 – 10 AUGUST 2024

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE FORMS AND RETURN THEM,
TOGETHER WITH FULL PAYMENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2024

STUDENT DETAILS (please print clearly)

NAME CLASS

PARENT / CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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HOME PHONE: WORK: MOBILE:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Emergency contact(s) details (nominated by the parent or caregiver as alternate contact)

1. NAME: PHONE:

2. NAME: PHONE:

I give permission for my child/ward
Class to attend and participate in the M7-M12 Integration Project Bridge
Competition excursion from Thursday 8 August to Saturday 10 August 2024.

I understand that travel will be by car driven by John Stanton and one other Walcha
Central School staff member.

- I am aware that I need to make transport arrangements. for my child to travel
home from Walcha Central School on Saturday.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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	INSTIC		INST2C		INST3C		INSTISB		INST2SB		INST3SB		
		

STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS

MEDICARE NUMBER EXPIRY / /

Please detail any medical or special needs which the teacher should be aware of, including medical, behaviour management or other specialised plans.

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MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

The information provided on / / by
(parent name) is being obtained for the purpose of ascertaining relevant medical information, requirements and other health care related needs about

..... **(student name)** who is currently enrolled at the school and who may participate in school excursions, sporting activities or other educational or school activities conducted by or in conjunction with Walcha Central School. It will be used by officers of the NSW Department of Education and Communities to assist planning, to support students, and to minimise risks when conducting school excursions, sporting, or other school activities.

Other persons or agencies that may be provided with this information include, but not limited to, volunteers and members of external organisations who join with the school or are otherwise involved in the planning or delivery of the excursion, sporting, or other school activity; and persons that may be called upon to provide health care treatment or other assistance during or as a consequence of such excursions or activities.

Provision of this information is not required by law. However, a failure to provide the information may mean that your child cannot participate in a particular excursion or school activity. In such circumstances the school will make available a sound alternative educational experience. Provision of this information will significantly assist the school in planning a safer educational activity. It will be stored securely. If you have any concerns about provision of this information, please contact the school Principal to discuss further.

You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the school office.

List existing medical conditions or illnesses (include asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, allergies etc.). Outline the treatment for each.

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Outline special dietary needs including possible reaction to inappropriate diet.

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Medication(s) to be administered during the excursion. Include name of medication, instructions for administration, time of administration, and any possible reactions.

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In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. The Department's public liability cover is fault-based and limited to breaches by the Department of its duty of care to students that may result in claims for compensation.

ACCOMMODATION WILL BE AT: **Ibis Budget, Wentworthville**

TRAVEL WILL BE BY: **car**

THE GROUP WILL BE SUPERVISED BY: **John Stanton and one other Walcha Central School staff member**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

It is recommended that students take 50+ sunscreen, hat and water bottle for outside activities. A full list of additional recommended items will be sent home closer to the excursion.

- The Contract of Behaviour has been completed (see attached).
- I am aware that if notes are not returned by the due date the excursion may be cancelled.
- I understand that full payment is due by Wednesday 31 July 2024.

Permission to Publish Student Information

The Department of Education may publish or disclose information about your child/ward for the purposes of event promotion and sharing results. This information may include your child/ward's name, age and school. It may also include information collected during this event such as photographs, live streaming, sound and visual recordings of your child/ward.

The communications in which you child/ward's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- the event program and results
- public websites of the Department of Education including the School Sport Unit website
- the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs, and wikis
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically
- the Department of Education, School Sport Unit and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets.

Parents/Carers should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be linked to by third parties and may be discoverable online for several years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH: I have read the information about disclosing and publishing student information (above) and:

I give permission

I **do not** give permission

for the Walcha Central School and the Department to publish and disclose information about my child/ward in publicly accessible communications. This permission remains effective until I advise otherwise.

I understand that if I have not given permission to publish, my child/ward's name will not appear in event programs and results.

Parent/Carer Acknowledgment and Consent

- I have read the information provided and I hereby consent to my child/ward participating in this event.
- I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures.
- I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child/ward may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event.
- I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.
- I acknowledge that my child/ward will be under the duty of care of the supervising teacher during the event.
- I acknowledge that if my child/ward seriously contravenes behavioural expectation, they may be immediately excluded from the excursion. Should this eventuate, I accept full responsibility for my child/ward upon notification of their exclusion by the team manager including the cost return transport and accommodation.
- In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, of an ambulance and any such medical assistance that my child/ward may require. I accept full responsibility of expenses incurred.
- I can confirm that I understand that, in the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.
- I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, my child has no medical condition or injury that places them at risk by participating in this sport activity.
- I can confirm I have completed the "Permission to Publish student information" section.

PARENT'S NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE / /

CONTRACT OF BEHAVIOUR

All students who are attending the M7-M12 Integration Project Bridge Competition excursion need to agree to the following behaviour contract.

All parents need to sign this as a witness and agree to the consequences should the contract be breached.

1. There will be no physical contact (except in the context of programmed activities) between students and members of the public.
2. No smoking, drugs, or alcohol – if considered necessary students will be asked to show the contents of their bags to the teacher in charge.
3. Respect each other's privacy and space (no "busting in" on people showering, changing etc).
4. Students must not lag behind the group when on programmed activities.
5. Students must have a "buddy" within the group and look out for them at all times.
6. All equipment at the venues and accommodation are to be cared for respectfully. Cost of any broken equipment will be covered by the individuals concerned.
7. Students must remain with the group at all times. There will be no random "sightseeing".
8. The excursion will be extremely busy, and students will need to adhere to the "in bed lights out" before 10:30pm.
9. Students must follow instructions **to the letter**.
10. Students must be able to produce a receipt or proof of purchase for all items purchased during the excursion, when requested by staff or venue employee.

All actions need to be deemed reasonable and abide by all WCS codes and policies.

This excursion is an integral part of the school curriculum, and all students are expected to participate in the organised activities.

All mobile phones must be switched off during programmed activities. Phone calls home to occur in the evening after dinner and before bed.

If you breach this code of conduct, your parents/caregivers will be called and asked to collect you from the excursion. Your safety and welfare and the safety and welfare of the group are at stake. If they are unable to do this, you will be sent home as quickly as possible at your parent's expense.

I agree to the code of conduct and accept that by signing I must accept the consequences should I breach it.

STUDENT'S NAME:

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE:

PARENT'S NAME:

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE:

DATE: / /