

16 February 2024

Dear Parents

**CONSTRUCTION ON COUNTRY
21 FEBRUARY – 20 MARCH 2024**

Your child has been given the opportunity to participate in an intensive, work readiness program that will be held at Walcha Central School. Students will be working with a TAFE teacher who will be delivering a Construction on Country course.

Construction on Country is a program providing pre-employment, mentorship, connection and opportunities for women across the New England North West to consider a trade pathway. Young women are encouraged to participate in a range of pre-employment sessions including pathways to a career in trades such as construction, electrical, metal fabrication, carpentry and bricklaying.

The 5-week skills program will take place every Wednesday from 21 February to 20 March. During the workshop, students will gain extensive knowledge about the industry and develop an understanding of the necessary skills, literacy and numeracy requirements for this trade if they choose this as a career path in the future.

To participate in the workshop, students will be required to come to school wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This is a Work Health and Safety requirement. Students must wear sturdy enclosed leather shoes and cotton drill pants/shorts or jeans. A high-vis shirt will be loaned to each student by the school. As some of the work may be completed outside, they are also required to wear a hat and apply 30+ sunscreen throughout the day.

It needs to be understood by both students and parents that as this is a 5-week course, held one day a week, students will miss out on regular classes for those days, and it is the student's responsibility to catch up any work missed. It is of the utmost importance for them to comply with this request.

Please complete the attached permission note and return it to the front office by Tuesday 20 February 2024. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school on 6777 2777.

Yours sincerely

Emma Ireland
HEAD TEACHER

Amanda Cooper
PRINICIPAL

PERMISSION NOTE

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS NOTE AND RETURN IT TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

I give / do not give permission for my child
Year to participate in the Construction on Country workshop to be held at Walcha
Central School on Wednesdays for 5 weeks from 21 February – 20 March 2024.

I understand that students will be absent from their timetabled classes, and it is the
responsibility of my child to catch up any work missed.

NAME:
Parent's name

SIGNATURE:
Parent's signature

DATE: / /