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Dear Parents

Environmental Science and Biology Excursion 2013

Your daughter/son has chosen to study Environmental Science or Biology as one of their Year 11/12 subjects for 2013. As an optional extension opportunity, students are able to attend two experiences: a six day Conservation Project at Maria Island (Tasmania); and an eight day Conservation Project on Brampton Island (Queensland). This opportunity is offered by *Wild Mob* and delivered by qualified Environmental Scientists and Marine Biologists. I will be accompanying the students for this experience.

To minimize disruption to study, this is offered in the Term holidays. The first camp, Maria Island, will run from 22 April to 27 April, which is week one of the term 1 holidays. The second camp, Brampton Island, will run from 30 September to 6 October, which is week one of the term 3 holidays.

WildMob, in association with IMAS and UTAS, have acknowledged the level of study and field work involved in these camps and, as a result, students attending these experiences may apply for credit for a Diploma of Environmental Science. For students interested in this option, more information is available.

Both projects are rigorous, and data collected is supplied to Commonwealth departments, to CSIRO and universities. The in-the-field experience delivers social and community benefits while achieving learning objectives for participants. WildMob scientists and myself have specifically designed both Projects, to allow for depth of knowledge and practical experience relating directly to the study of Ecology in Biology and to the study of Ecology and Human Impact units in Environmental Science.

Research demonstrates that knowledge, acquisition and retention, is highly significant in the context of experiential learning and that learning in a natural setting strongly engages and motivates students. These experiences also allows for a developing awareness of the links between an individual's behaviour, the global environment and social issues.

In planning for both Projects, I ask that students interested in either or both experiences, complete and return the Interest Form below by Friday 22 February. Further questions may be directed to woodwardai@fahan.tas.edu.au or via the School Office on 6225 1064.

Kind regards

Aimee Woodward
Maths & Science Coordinator

Maria Island / Brampton Island Interest Form

My/Our daughter/son

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is interested in attending the 2013 Maria Island Experience

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is interested in attending the 2013 Brampton Island Experience.

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Signed Date
Parent/Guardian