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Dear Parent/Guardian

RUGBY TOUR TO AUSTRALIA – SUMMER 2017

I am writing regarding the proposed Bishop Wordsworth's Rugby tour during Summer 2017 to Australia, which we hope to be accessible to the majority of rugby players in years 11, 12 and 13.

I would now like to give your son the opportunity of being a member of the tour party. The cost of the tour will be £3200 which includes the following:

- Economy class return flights
- All current airport and fuel taxes as we know them to be at the time of this quotation
- All accommodation while away hotels/hostels/billets
- Return coach transfers: airport / hotel / airport;
- All transfers between base cities
- Probable Destinations:
 - o Hong Kong
 - Sydney
 - Gold Coast
 - o Brisbane
 - o Airlie Beach
 - o Townsville
- Probable Excursions:
 - Victoria Peak
 - Bondi Beach
 - Surf lesson
 - Australia Zoo
 - Whitsundays
 - Magnetic Island
- Arrangements and co-ordination of four/five suitable fixtures with after match functions
- 'Meet and Greet' and 24 hr emergency contact with a Sports Travel representative while on tour
- Tour kit
- Travel insurance, covering the tour dates only.

I am unable, at this point, to give a definite date of departure or full duration other than it will be at the end of the Summer term in July/August 2017, ranging from 17-18 days including travel. I would however like to invite you to a Tour Launch evening on Thursday 11 February at 6.30pm in the Sixth Form Common Room which will be hosted by England Rugby Travel. This will be an opportunity to run through the itinerary and discuss fundraising and sponsorship along with any

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other questions you may have at this time.

I would like to make clear that there will be no reduction in the tour cost as a result of fundraising/sponsorship. A fundraising/sponsorship committee will be set up in due course and we would hope to raise substantial funds in order to subsidise the boys own costs while on tour. We are looking for volunteers to run the fundraising/sponsorship committee.

We are searching for sponsors for the tour playing and training kit, which will be worn on tour and then in preparation to the regular school fixtures back at home. Other proven fundraising activities include rugby match day BBQs (volunteers required), Race Nights, student socials and bag packing. Bag packing for the last tour raised £1000 a session. If you would be interested in being part of a committee or have any ideas that you would like to put forward please do get in touch with me via my email at the bottom of the page. Similarly if you're interested in sponsorship or know of anyone who might be, please get in touch.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to tour, please pay a deposit of £320 (non refundable) by **Friday 5 February 2016** using our on-line payment facility via the school website link (see Internet Payment) and selecting *RUGBY TOUR TO AUSTRALIA – SUMMER 2015*. If you have not yet registered, please email <u>amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk</u> for a link code. No further payment will be required until the provider is confirmed and we can formalise an official payment plan. If you would like to make payments before this point in time we can make provision for this.

Please also complete the attached indemnity form and return to Mrs Nikki Miles.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any aspect of the tour or if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Demain-Griffiths <u>Director of Sport</u> rdg@bws.wilts.sch.uk