

17th Feb, 2015.

Year 9 The Rite Journey – ‘The Calling’, Thursday 26th /Friday 27th February.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Next Thursday 26th February, your child will be required to attend an overnight experience as part of their Year 9 Pastoral Program. ‘The Calling’ is the first of seven unique steps of The Rite Journey program that form a contemporary Rite of Passage, aimed at honouring your child’s transition into young adulthood.

As a Rite Journey team, we have worked to ensure The Calling is a special, memorable event for your child that will act in positively transforming and supporting the transition into young adulthood by providing conversation around what it is to be a respectful and responsible man or woman in society.

Whilst all of Year 9 students will participate together in this overnight experience, The Calling is a rite of passage to be experienced differently for young men and women. As such, girls and boys will be separated for the duration (except for sharing together dinner). An itinerary (**for boys**) follows:

Thursday 27th Feb:

8:00-8.30am	Students to leave overnight bags, sleeping bags/mats , etc. (Bags to be stored in Young Room - Secondary Office)
8:30-3:30pm	Classes as normal
3:30-4:00pm	Students to change into comfortable, appropriate, casual clothes
4:00pm	Students/staff to move overnight bags to sleeping quarters (Savio Centre)
4:30-6:00pm	Activities (Savio Centre)
6:00-7:00pm	Shared dinner (Savio Centre)
7:00-9:00pm	Activities (Savio Centre)
9:00-9:30pm	Preparation for bed
9:45pm	Lights-out, sleep

Friday 28th Feb:

5:00am	Wake, pack overnight bags, etc. Students to change into PE uniform
5:30am	Bus to Mt. Wellington
6:30-7:00am	Breakfast
7:00-9:00am	‘The Calling’ + Activities
9:00-10:30am	Walk from Mt. Wellington to Dominic.
10:30am	Students to leave overnight bags, sleeping bags/mats, etc. (Young Room – Secondary Office)
10:40am	Recess (Provided)
11:00-3:30pm	Classes as normal
Lunch:	BBQ Lunch Provided.

As your child journeys through the year, we hope that the discussions they are having at school may also stimulate conversation in your own homes, and we trust that you and your child finds The Rite Journey a positive, rewarding and transformative process.

Sincerely,

Mr Andrew Pritchard Mr Cameron Golding & Mr Aaron Davey
The Rite Journey, Year 9 Pastoral Team (Boys)