



EMMAUS COLLEGE
ROCKHAMPTON

2 March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: STUDY OF RELIGION BRISBANE TRIP 19TH TO 22ND OCTOBER, 2017

At Emmaus College, we aim to offer students a holistic education which comprises a range of learning experiences. Within the Year 11 Study of Religion program, a significant component of the course explores World Religions which are part of the culture of contemporary Australia. While the students will learn much in the classroom, we believe their learning is greatly enhanced by the opportunity to experience these traditions first hand. To this end, an integral aspect of the course is a four-day field trip to Brisbane to visit a Hindu, Taoist, Buddhist and Latter Day Saints temple, a Jewish Synagogue, a Mosque, a Quaker House of Prayer, Orthodox Christian Church, and the Catholic Cathedral. In each of these places, they will explore the art, rituals, values and ethics of that particular faith tradition as well as have the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of religious leaders. A full itinerary will be provided to students closer to the date of departure.

In 2017, this trip will take place in Term Four. Students will leave Emmaus College at **6.30am** on **Thursday 19 October** and will return to the college on **Sunday 22 October** around **5pm**. The cost of the trip will be **\$315**. This covers the cost of travel, accommodation and breakfast/snacks, but students will be expected to bring sufficient money to pay for their lunches and dinners.

A 53 seat bus has been booked for the trip, along with the Emmaus 35 seater bus to cope with the students and staff going on the trip.

To help all students and parents consider the trip, we have sought to give as much notice as possible and have worked to ensure the cost is as reasonable as possible and have staggered the payments. Payments can be made through Parent Lounge or if needed, by cash through Student Reception.

Payment Schedule

- We ask that all students return their consent form together with a deposit of **\$115 (\$100 of this is non-refundable)** by **Friday 24 March (Term 1)**
- A second payment of **\$100** will be due by **Friday 21 April (Term 2)**
- The final payment of **\$100** on **Friday 19 May (Term 2)**
- Alternatively, students may pay the entire amount in full

Spaces are limited to 75 students

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Emmaus College, telephone number 4923 5722, or by email at linda_mckenzie@emmaus.qld.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

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