MUSIC CAMP - Monday 19 May – Wednesday 21 May 2014

**Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre, Murrumbateman**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A Music Camp is planned for May as a period of intense preparation for the Melrose High School Concert Band and Beginner Band. The Concert Band will be preparing for the National Eisteddfod, which is held on the weekend after the camp, and the camp is also an opportunity for the Beginner Band students to start working with the school Concert Band. Music camps have been run successfully since 1996 and they are always a highlight for all students involved in music ensembles.

At the camp, there will be visiting tutors leading tutorials, which will help the students get specialised assistance with their instrument. There will also be sectional rehearsals, full practices for the two bands, as well as combined rehearsals. The camp will, therefore, provide the concentrated rehearsal time necessary for a high standard of concert performance by each group.

**Staff:** Mr Nathan Sciberras and Mr Malcolm Barlow. These teachers will be assisted by visiting instrumental tutors from The Music Learning Centre. The cost of the specialist tutors is included in the total camp fee.

**Accommodation:** Dormitory rooms at Warrambui Conference Centre, with shared bathroom facilities. Warrambui provides beds, doonas and pillows **but linen is not provided.**

**Meals:** will be provided and prepared by the attending staff members, but students may bring sensible snacks.

**Transport:** Deanes Busses will leave Melrose HS on Monday 19 May at 9am. Students should arrive at school by no later than 8:30am to assist with loading the bus. The bus will return to Melrose on Wednesday 21 May at approximately 2pm.

Please Bring:

* Pillow case, single bed sheet/s or sleeping bag. You may bring your own pillow if preferred
* Towel and toiletry requirements
* Board games, balls etc. for free time
* Torch
* Warm and sensible clothing (school uniform is **not** required)
* Warm sleepwear (night time temperatures will be low)
* Two changes (at least) of clothes
* **Instrument, spare reeds, cork grease, valve oil, music books**

**COST: $160** (accommodation, meals, tutorials, transport to and from Warrambui, administration and relief cover for Melrose staff at the camp).By choosing a self-catering venue, we are able to reduce the cost of the camp by over $50 compared to catered venues that we have used in the past. **Payment is due by Friday 2 May 2014.**

*The Music camp is an extra-curricula activity organised by the Music Department and attendance is not compulsory. Students not attending will follow a normal timetable at school for the duration of the camp. As this is an optional activity, a payment will be required to cover the costs. If the school is unable to cover the costs, the school may not be able to provide the activity. Individual records of contributions are confidential. Depending on your situation, this payment may be tax deductible.*

Please return the attached medical form and permission note to the Finance Office **by Friday 2 May**

Nathan Sciberras Malcolm Barlow

Executive Teacher of Arts Music Teacher

**Permission Note for Music Camp 2014**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission for my son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Music Camp excursion on 19 – 21 May 2014. I understand the transport arrangements involved.

**Immediate medical needs of my child (eg. diabetic, anaphylactic, asthmatic):**

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**Dietary Requirements:**

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**Parent contact if needed during excursion (Necessary)**

Parent/Carer: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property that may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.*

*It is customary for the school to request a financial contribution towards meeting the cost of your child’s participation in this camp/excursion. The school has made every effort to keep costs for this activity at a reasonable level. This is an enrichment activity so a payment will be required to cover all costs. The school reserves the right to cancel the activity should all costs not be covered.  Individual records of contributions are confidential.*

**Parent/Guardian Signature : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_**

**PAYMENT SLIP FOR MUSIC CAMP 2014 Total Cost $160, Teacher: Mr Sciberras**

It would be appreciated if payment was received by Friday 2 May

**Amount Enclosed** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cash/credit card/cheques made out to Melrose High

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Credit Card Facility – MINIMUM PAYMENT $20 (*Please Tick which card applies*)**

MasterCard [ ]  Visa [ ]  **Expiry date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Direct payments** can be made to Westpac Bank Account Number: 001658 – BSB 032777 please put family name and description of the payment (eg. Music Camp, Dempsey) and email fiona.dempsey@ed.act.edu.au to confirm payment.