Dear Parents/Guardians/Students

In 1988, to celebrate Australia's Bi-Centennial Year, Mr Helmut Schaefer and a small band of staff and eager Year 11 students, undertook a trip to Central Australia. Each year since, Oxley College has invited Year 11 students to participate in this exciting and demanding adventure. This year the 28th “Outback” will run from Sunday 20 September to Sunday 4 October.

Bookings for transport and camping venues are in progress, and we now need to confirm numbers and proceed with more definite planning. The total cost of the 15-day trip is $950 and a deposit of $300 will soon be required, with the balance of $650 to follow (see below).

Please note that the cost is inclusive of all regular meals, campsite charges, park entry fees, transport hire and fuel costs.

As with other co-curricular activities/tours of this nature at the College, a place can be secured only if all normal school fee payments are up to date.

 Deposits/ receipts of BPAY/credit card transactions will be received in Lab 2 on Thursday 14 May from 8am until 8:40am.

No deposits will be taken before then. As there may be a limit on numbers, due to availability of seats on the buses, a waiting list will be established for those with late deposits. As there are many fixed costs to be covered, deposits are refundable only if the student’s place is taken by someone from the waiting list. Planning for the trip, buses etc is dependent on the numbers travelling. For this reason decisions on attendance need to be made early in this term and deposits will not be accepted any later than Thursday June 18 so that the numbers can be finalised.

A meeting of all Year 11 students taking part and their parents/guardians will take place prior to the trip as part of the regular Year 11 Information Evening on Wednesday 29 July. At this meeting the itinerary, clothing considerations and other camp requirements will be discussed. Subsequent meetings with students will be called as required in the weeks leading up to departure.

Payment options:

1. Cash/cheque
   • Deposit - $300 – Thursday 14 May in Lab 2
   • Either - $650 in full by Thursday 18 June
     or - $350 by 18 June and $300 by July 29 meeting

2. Electronic – BPAY using your own code found at the bottom of your school account
   • Deposit - $300 – prior to Thursday 14 May – and receipt of transfer brought to Lab 2
   • Either - $650 in full by Thursday 18 June
     or - $350 by 18 June and $300 by July 29 meeting

3. Credit Card (VISA/Mastercard) by calling the school office 4861 1366
   • Deposit - $300 – prior to Thursday 14 May – and receipt of transfer brought to Lab 2
   • Either - $650 in full by Thursday 18 June
     or - $350 by 18 June and $300 by July 29 meeting
Please **retain this letter so you have the payment details** but return the cut-off section below with the deposit/transfer receipt to me in **Lab 2 between 8am and 8:40am on Thursday 14 May**.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Cheque/cash/receipt of direct transfer for $300 is provided, being the deposit for the 2015 Oxley College Central Australia trip for:

(print name of student) ____________________________________________________________

*I understand the deposit is refundable only if my child’s place can be taken by another student on the waiting list.*

Signed: _______________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

Name: ______________________________

Date: __________________________