

## Year 11 Tasmania 'Writing the Island' 13 to 17 September 2021

We are excited to introduce the Year 11 Tasmania 'Writing the Island' experience for 2021. As the date for our departure to Tasmania approaches, I write to keep you informed of important details around the opportunities on offer and to remind you about the information we need to collect from you. The majority of Year 11 students have made their selections, so I encourage parents to discuss their child's choice of activity.

Students who have taken part in previous years have described Tasmania: Writing the Island as a culmination of their SAGE experiences, if not a highlight of their education at IGS, when they rose to diverse challenges in these beautiful new spaces and synthesised their discoveries into real and lasting creative pieces of writing, film and artwork, and learnt more about culture, history, art, themselves and others than ever before.

The cost of SAGE activities are charged directly to parents, and are not included in school fees. The School partially subsidises this activity. The cost of the experience is \$990. This includes all fares, accommodation, supervision and insurance and most food and drink.

In addition, with the challenge of travel during a COVID pandemic IGS will take regular advice from NSW and Tasmanian Health Authorities when determining the suitability of travel and keep parents abreast of any changes in plans.

This letter includes the following:

- General travel details to and from Tasmania
- Medical information required through Operoo
- The IGS Points of Understanding Statement with permission form
- The IGS Code of Conduct.

In addition, next term, key documents will be able to be found on a webpage specifically developed for IGS on the OEG website. At this location students and parents can log on and view all of the details of the expedition, including the relevant gear/equipment lists.

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A Parent Information Night on Monday 7 June at 7pm will explain in more detail the specific opportunity your child has selected, including presentations from the Outdoor Education Group and the subject specific streams. This session will be on Zoom with links provided closer to the time and allow opportunity for any questions you may have about the experience.

### **Travel details**

All students will need to be delivered to Sydney Airport Domestic Terminal on Monday 13 September from 7.30am (approximately) and be collected by parents on Friday 17 September from 6pm (approximately) with specific flights and times to be communicated next term. One group from the Three Capes Hike will be arriving back at approximately 8.30pm on Friday 17 September due to the late finish of their hike. Further communication in Term 2 will outline these details.

**All Outdoor Education experience participants will be required to meet at IGS at 12pm on Sunday 12 September** for a compulsory packing session to ensure all equipment is prepared for the hike.

The following luggage limits apply for the flights. Each student is permitted 1 x 20kg bag to check in, plus 1 x 7kg piece of hand luggage.

NB: Students are to provide their own lunch for day 1, Monday 13 September. Please be aware of domestic quarantine rules. These can be found [here](#).

### **Medical information through Operoo**

As you are aware, IGS now conducts the collection of student medical information through Operoo. Please ensure that all relevant medical forms are completed using the Operoo website.

Please note that if your child requires prescription medication, that this must be given to IGS staff upon arrival on the first day. Please enclose the medications in a zip-lock bag with your child's name and clear instructions included. If your child requires an EpiPen, they must bring two with them to Tasmania.