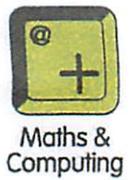




# Hillcrest School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for attending the Australia meeting with Mike from the travel company, it was very informative and I am sure you will agree that the trip looks really exciting. At the end of the meeting there were a number of questions and ideas raised of which we have now looked in to.

I can confirm all students and staff attending the Australia trip are covered by the school's travel insurance policy. We have also set up on the school website a question and answer forum where you can email any questions. This will be an open forum where you will be able to see all questions and answers. To send questions please email: [Australia@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Australia@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk).

On the evening, we had a number of questions relating to communication. We have decided that we will provide all students an Australian 'Pay as you go' sim card with some credit, meaning each student has a phone with a number that they can always be contacted on and will also be able to text home. At the start of the new year, I have arranged some bag packing opportunities in local supermarkets to raise extra money to cover the costs of some extra day trips and to pay for meals that are not included in the price at a couple of the hotels. If you have any other suggestions for fund raising opportunities please let us know.

At present, we still do not have the exact cost for the trip. The travel company are still trying to get us the best price they can, however we anticipate the trip should still be around the original estimate of £2500 per student, although we are still waiting for official confirmation from the travel company. As soon as we are aware of this, we will write to you immediately. The final deadline for full payment is the beginning of June 2015. However, we would strongly recommend that either full or part payments are made well in advance of this date. I have included a payment card to record amount of monies paid. We would advise you to make another payment before the end of term. Payments can be made during break times Monday - Thursday to the Finance Department. Alternatively, if you would like to bring money into school yourself, payments can be given to main reception.

We will have another parent / carer meeting before the trip, but please feel free to email any questions or contact us on 0121 4643172 for any further information.

Yours sincerely

L.Taylor

D.Carson

'Staff are very caring and students appreciate the support that they receive.'

'The school's 'getting it right' policy is instrumental in managing the positive behaviour seen across school.'

(Ofsted 2013)

