Dear Student and Parent/Caregiver,

Crossroads is a mandatory personal development and health education course for Year 11 and/or Year 12 students in NSW Government schools. The course reflects some of the contemporary issues facing young people today. It is organised around two key aspects of young people’s lives during the senior years of school – drug use and relationships.

The course at Galston High School will be run through a four day camp in the Snowy Mountains, together with a one day Youth Driver Awareness programme at the HART facility, Homebush. All Year 11 students in NSW Government schools must complete the Crossroads course. Please contact me at school if you wish to make alternate arrangements.

The cost for Crossroads this year is $435.00. This involves the camp, which includes coach travel, four night’s accommodation, all activities and meals except dinner on the way there and lunch on the way home. The Youth Driver Awareness programme will take place on Monday 9th May 2011 at Homebush. The above cost is for both the camp AND the Youth Driver Awareness programme. Students not attending the camp who attend the Youth Driver Awareness programme are required to pay $25.00 for this programme.

The camp takes place as follows:

**Departure:**  Monday 9 May 2011 at 8.00am from Galston High School bus bay.

Students will come to school by 7.45am on Monday 9 May and board the coach for first part of the excursion which is the Driver Education day at the Hart facility at Homebush. The excursion will then depart directly from Homebush to the Snowy Mountains for the remainder of the excursion.

**Return:** Anticipated arrival time is 3.30pm on Friday 13 May 2011. Parents / caregivers are asked to be at the school by this time and NOT to park in the bus bay as school buses will still be operating.

**Crossroads is promoted as a DRUG FREE ACTIVITY. Use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances will not be tolerated. Parents / caregivers will be contacted and asked to come and collect a child involved in drug taking. (NB it is about a six hour drive each way for the camp).**

Our aim is for everyone to have a fantastic time whilst on the Crossroads excursion. To do this, you will need to read and understand the following information and return payment in full, the excursion consent form and annexures A, B, C and D to the Fees Office no later than Friday 8th April 2011.

Please don’t leave payment to the last minute as numbers need to be finalised immediately. Students having difficulty paying the fee by the due date need to see Miss Ciferson to organise alternative arrangements. To help the school, families are asked to pay by cheque or credit card if at all possible.

D CIFERSON
PD/Health/PE
Excursion Coordinator

J TOURLAS
Principal

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