



St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma Notification of an Excursion

February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday 13 March, students in Year 9 and 10 have been invited to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors.

Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.

The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in Year 9 and 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in Years 11 and 12.

We have had a proud history in this event by always finishing in the top three teams. In 2017 our students joined with Lumen Christi College from Pambula and were successful on the day, qualifying for the state final in Newcastle. We have been fortunate to join with Bombala High and Lumen Christi College to enter teams into the competition. This year, we would like to send a complete St Patrick's team of 16-24 students from Year 9 and 10.

We do need to rely on parents to help with this excursion by offering to transport students by private car to the event. If we can get a team of 24 students, we would need approximately 5 parents to help with transport as I also transport students in my own car. Parents are not required to stay at the competition but can use the time to have a relaxing day on the South Coast.

Could you please return the slip below giving your permission for your daughter/son to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge and if you may be able to help with transport. Further information regarding the day will be forthcoming once student participation is known.

Frances Robertson

Steve Summerville

Principal

Science Teacher

I give permission for my daughter/son _____ to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge in Bega on Friday 16 March. I give permission for my daughter/son to travel by private car to the event.

I _____ may be able to help with transport.

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____