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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: A Medieval Knight to Remember

As part of their academic studies, Year 8 students have been examining everyday life during the Medieval era. The culminating activity for this unit will be *A Knight to Remember* to be held in the Junior Secondary Quadrangle on **Monday 30 October** starting at 9.35am and finishing at 4.00pm. There will be no APS Sport Training for Year 8 students on this day. Parents and friends are invited to witness the spectacle of medieval life as presented by the students from 3.10pm.

This year, students will have an opportunity to listen to two groups of reenactors, experience firsthand the weight of chainmail, examine armour, weapons and wear traditional costumes from Medieval life in Japan and Europe. In addition, the children are looking forward to presenting their own findings from their European and Japanese medieval studies. Learning from Science and English will be on display with a trebuchet competition and performances of extracts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. *A Knight to Remember* will be officially opened by the 'royal entourage' before the information show case in Pastoral Care rooms. Shakespearean drama, medieval entertainment, a mock trial, origami, a trebuchet competition and more will occur throughout the afternoon.

To further enhance students' experience, traditional medieval food will be provided at lunch time as a 'sit-down' meal.

Students are encouraged to re-enact a medieval profession or character (from Europe or Japan) by creating a simple costume representing the style of medieval dress worn. For example:

- For boys: a simple tunic, jeans and a long or short sleeved, plain t-shirt
- For girls: a long skirt/tunic and a long/short sleeved blouse/plain t-shirt

Some photos from previous year's Medieval *A Knight to Remember* can be found on Passmarc (8 Humanities). Any support which parents could provide with the preparation of costumes would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at *A Knight to Remember*.

Yours sincerely

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HEAD OF YEAR EIGHT