



7 August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Year 9 **CACConnectPROJECT** will be held from **Monday 2 September to Friday 6 September**. This valuable community service week will involve students spending time at various community service organisations in the South-Western Queensland towns of either Mitchell or Charleville. The aim of the programme is to promote an appreciation of themselves, their families and the community around them. As such, participation in the **CACConnectPROJECT** is a compulsory aspect of the Year 9 curriculum and students are encouraged to be active participants in the experience. There are no additional charges associated with this week as the cost is built into the College's fee structure.

Monday 2 September

Students will be required to be at the College no later than 6.30am for a 7.00am departure. **Students will require a packed morning tea, lunch and other snacks for the first day.** Additionally, students are allowed to bring a small amount of spending money for any rest stops we do happen to make along the journey.

Tuesday 3 September – Thursday 5 September

Over the course of the week, students will take part in a range of activities to ensure that relationships are formed and stories shared. These activities may include, music performances, classroom support, sporting activities, working with residents on farms, churches, schools, retirement homes and generally interacting and liaising with members of the community.

Friday 6 September

Students will depart Charleville and Mitchell. We will be stopping for lunch (provided by the College in Dalby) at a local fast food outlet. We anticipate arriving back to College at approximately 5.00pm.

Some other important information regarding the trip is as follows:

Staffing

Charleville (Natasha Materne, Peter Materne, Allison Beeforth, Anthony Hall and Tadgh Treanor)

Mitchell (Amanda, Knowles, Georgia Wortel, Warren McMahon, Raquel Fernandez and Sasha Ristic)

Accommodation

Mitchell (Centre of town – Local Sporting Complex)

Charleville (Centre of town – Charleville Show grounds - Pavilion)

Both facilities are indoors and equipped with bathrooms and kitchens. Students will, however, need to provide their own foam or air mattress (please be sensible when selecting the type of mattress to limit luggage).

Climate / What to Bring List

We have been observing the temperature in Mitchell and Charleville over recent weeks and it is important to be prepared for the variation between the maximum and minimum temperatures. Evening and early morning temperatures have been as low as -2°C, warming up throughout the day to reach a maximum in the low to mid 30s. For this reason, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing/equipment to ensure a comfortable experience.

Please see the attached '**What to Bring List**', for further information and please follow this recommendation closely.

Transport

The College has arranged two 61-seater coaches, fully equipped with seat belts. The bus drivers, employed through Coach Link, will also accompany the staff and students for the duration of the trip.

Entertainment, Snacks and Emergency Contacts

Students are allowed to bring along their mobile phones, iPods or music players (at own risk) for some additional on-board entertainment only. A mobile phone register will record all mobile phones brought by students and after the bus trip all phones will be handed into staff and kept in a safe for the duration of the stay. There will be strict guidelines around the use of the mobile phones on the bus and staff reserve the right to confiscate any student's phone that is being used inappropriately. If in the event of an emergency, you need to contact your child please phone one of the following:

Mr Sasha Ristic	0411 134 506 (Mitchell)
Mrs Natasha Materne	0402 106 365 (Charleville)

Students will form part of the food preparation roster for breakfast, lunch and dinner. While they will be sufficiently catered for, students are permitted to bring additional drinks/snacks from home, as they see necessary. If your child has dietary requirements, or currently taking medication, please return the slip below.

Coomera Anglican College trusts that the students attending this trip will find it enjoyable, purposeful, memorable and transformational in terms of the College's commitment to inspiring excellence in teaching, learning, service and faith.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the **CACConnectPROJECT**, please feel free to contact either of us at the College.

Yours sincerely



Mr Sasha Ristic
HEAD OF YEAR 9



Mr Greg Golder
HEAD OF JUNIOR SECONDARY

Mitchell/Charleville Student Information
PLEASE RETURN TO JUNIOR SECONDARY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
BY MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2019

Student Name: _____ in PC: _____ Has the
following dietary requirements:

Is taking the following medication (which I will provide in a named sandwich bag):

I understand that my child is allowed to bring their mobile phone, iPod or music players (at own risk) for additional on-board entertainment but that it will be handed in at the end of the bus trip for safe keeping by staff. A register will be taken of all phones and staff reserve the right to confiscate any phone that is being used inappropriately.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact number: _____

CAConnect PROjECT

Out to the West

GEAR INFORMATION

A reminder that the CAConnectPROjECT is about helping, working with and assisting communities in remote Queensland. Do not bring your best clothes / shoes, however, one set of better attire for a Church Service that we will be involved in.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING	
- No more than \$30.00	- Pocket, flick or steak knives
- Fold out beds / stretcher beds	-
SUGGESTED CLOTHING	
- Sun smart hat and warm beanie for evenings and mornings	- Shorts
- Socks – a pair for each day / extra if wet	- T-Shirts – NO crop tops or singlets
- Walking shoes – comfortable & sturdy that don't promote blisters	- Jumpers / Jackets
- Underwear and other under garments	- Raincoat
- Extremely warm clothing	- Long trousers – tracksuit pants / jeans
	- Old clothes – prepared for painting and other labouring
	- An outfit suitable for a church service
TOILETRY GEAR	
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush	- Sunscreen SPF 50+
- Brush or Comb	- Insect Repellent
- Soap	- Chap Stick
- Towel X2	- Roll on deodorant
- Footwear for shower use	- Medication (Provided to staff)
BEDDING	
- Sleeping Bag (The weather is traditionally cold this time of year, so try and borrow the warmest bag available)	- Extra Blanket for warmth
- Foam / inflatable mattress	- Small pillow
	- Warm clothes to sleep in
OTHER	
- Personal crockery & cutlery – labelled	- 2 Tea Towels
- Lunch box (to fit 2 sandwiches & fruit)	- 3 Garbage Bags for dirty clothes
- A good sized water bottle	- Small Torch
- Day pack (Back pack)	- Pencil and Notebook
OPTIONAL	
- Phone (duration of bus trip only)	- Snacks to last the trip
- Camera	- Travel games (e.g.) cards, kindles,
- iPod	- Pen and Notepad
MUSICAL STUDENTS	
- Musical Instrument in hard case	- Leads
- Music/lyrics, tuner	- Capo
- Guitar strap,	- USB of backing tracks
	- 4 pegs for windy conditions