18 February 2019

Agricultural Subjects - Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) - Subject: Certificate in Rural Operations and Year 11 Agriculture

Dear Parent/Carer/Homestay Parent

Your son/daughter will be participating in a range of practical activities across the Agricultural programs offered at Centenary Heights ranging from Low Risk to Extreme Risk activities. Participation in all activities is required except in incidences where medical certificates can be provided. If your son/daughter has a medical condition that precludes him/her from participating for any length of time, a medical certificate that details the timeframe and details for the exemption is required to be forwarded to the student’s teacher as soon as the condition becomes evident.

Your son/daughter will be participating in the HIGH RISK activity of Biological Activities throughout the year as part of the Agricultural program. A detailed risk assessment has been completed for this activity and should you require further information please contact me at the school.

The following information identifies management strategies to ensure students’ safety during this activity:

- This activity is conducted and supervised by qualified personnel both on site at CHSHS and at Wilsonton Agricultural Centre.
- This activity will be conducted in supervised conditions with appropriate staff; student ratios and individual, one-on-one instructions to students;
- Students will be required to wear the appropriate PPE (personalised protection equipment) for the activity;
- Students will be required to follow the safety and operational procedures related to the activity and always act under the direction of their teacher/s or accompanying adult;
- Conditions relevant to the activity such as track conditions, rain, wind etc... will be assessed prior to the activity and appropriate strategies employed;
- Students will be required to advise their teachers should they feel concerned during the course of a lesson.

Please sign below indicating your permission to cover your son’s/daughter’s participation in this HIGH Risk Activity. All forms are required to be returned to your son/daughter’s respective teacher by Friday 22 February 2019. Should you choose not to sign this permission please contact me at the school to discuss progress within this course of study. Please do not hesitate to contact Jodie Beauchamp (HOD) on 4636 7500 should you have further specific questions or concerns about the program or your child’s participation.

We look forward to encouraging Agricultural Studies in 2019 and beyond.

Regards

Jodie Beauchamp
Head of Department Science and Agriculture

Maryanne Walsh
Principal

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I give permission for my child ___________________________ to participate in the HIGH risk activity of Biological Activities.

Parent/Carer Signature: __________________________________________

Date: __________________________