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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

Dear parents/carers,

Your daughter is invited to join the school group attending the ACYF (along with 15,000 other young people from across Australia and Oceania). The ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

The ACYF will be run at Sydney Showgrounds in Homebush from Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 December 2017. Students attending the ACYF will miss two school days.

St Joseph's Catholic College is committed to a large-scale engagement of our students with the ACYF. We believe it to be a vital opportunity to encourage our students in their faith and involvement in the life of the church. We think it is worthwhile to consider sending your daughter to be involved in this festival.

At St Joseph's we are inviting all students from Years 9, 10 and 11 to attend the festival. The students will be prepared before the festival, supervised by our staff during the festival and given opportunities after the festival for reflective evaluation.

Transport: We intend to use bus transport. The school will cover the cost of the bus transport. Exact details will be available once we have a clear idea of total numbers travelling. Departure time will be around 7am. The bus will return to the school around 10.30 pm.

Dress: Students will be required to wear appropriate casual clothes for a church event.

Cost: 3 day registration \$250 per student (No partial registration is possible)

Registration:

1. Complete the attached Expression of Interest and Consent form by June 9th.
2. Hand it in to the finance office along with \$50 holding deposit to secure a place for your daughter.
3. Once the school receives your daughter's form and deposit they will register her online.
4. We will then communicate further details with you as we move closer to the festival.

Behaviour: Students will be representing St Joseph's Catholic College at the ACYF and will be accountable for their behaviour during the festival as they would for any excursion or retreat.

If you have any questions about the festival please contact Mr Kendall Perriam at school on 4324 4022 or Mrs Fiona Green on 0438927925. We look forward to our students having an inspirational experience at the festival that they will remember for years to come and we hope that your daughter is able to be a part of this experience.

Kind regards

Mr Kendall Perriam
School ACYF Coordinator

Mrs Fiona Green
Youth Ministry Coordinator

STUDENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM & CONSENT FORM
Australian Catholic Youth Festival,
Sydney, 7-9 December, 2017

Please complete this Expression of Interest & Consent Form and have your daughter hand it to the school finance office along with a \$50 deposit by **June 12**. We will use the details to register your daughter for the festival. The \$50 deposit will be taken off the final \$250 registration payment.

Student's full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Year Group: _____

Student's email: _____

Student mobile number: _____

Parish or church you attend (if applicable): _____

Parent name: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent contact number: _____

Parent Consent: I have read the attached information and give permission for my daughter to participate in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney from 7-9 December 2017. I understand that the cost of the festival is \$250 and I am paying a \$50 deposit to the school.

Name of Parent: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____