Dear Parents and Carers,

Western Sydney Inter-District Debating Camp
Katoomba Conference Centre, Katoomba

Your child has been selected as one of the 2015 Penrith South Public School debating team members and has the opportunity to attend the Western Sydney Inter-Districts Debating Camp.

The camp will involve workshops in the various techniques needed for debating, as well as bushwalking and games.

Mrs Bruce will also be attending the camp for its entirety.

Dates: Monday 16 March 2015 to Tuesday 17 March 2015.
Travel: By car
The children will be able to travel to and from the camp with Mrs Bruce.

Teachers Attending: Mrs Bruce
Cost: NIL. The cost of this activity has been paid for by the school.

The students must be at school at 7:20 am on Monday 16 March and will return to school at approximately 4:15 pm on Tuesday 17 March. Could you please make arrangements to pick up your child from school at 4.15pm on their return.

Please complete and return the school permission slip and medical information form to Miss Gunning by Monday 9 March.

The medical form as well as a handout regarding camp requirements is attached.

Kind regards,

Kerrie Davis
Principal

Kristie-Lee Gunning and Deborah Bruce
Debating Teachers

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25 February 2015

Permission Note

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I give/do not give (please indicate) permission for my child ______________________________ of class __________________ to attend the 2 day, 1 night camp to the Katoomba Conference Centre, Katoomba, from Monday 16 March 2015 to Tuesday 17 March 2015.

I understand that students will be transported to and from camp by car with Mrs Bruce and will need to be picked up from school at 4.15pm on Tuesday 17 March. This camp has the approval of the Principal.

_________________________________________   ____/____/____
Parent/Carer’s Signature
**INFORMATION TO PARENTS**

**Venue:**
Katoomba Conference Centre  
2 Violet Street, Katoomba.  
Adjacent to the Scenic Railway - 8.30 am registration

**Dates:** Monday 16th March – Tuesday 17th March, 2015 inclusive

**Clothing & Equipment:**
Casual wear suitable for active workshop sessions.  
Some warm clothes as Katoomba can be cold during the day  
Closed in footwear suitable for a bush walk and games  
Pyjamas  
Sleeping Bags or bedding (nights can be cold) and a pillowcase  
Toiletries – eg soap, toothbrush  
Towel  
Please do not bring jewellery or valuables.  
Please label all belongings with your name.  
Mobile phones are taken at student’s own risk, but should be used only in emergencies  
**Stationery** – pens, pencils, paper and folder on which to lean

**Please note:**
*Students are expected to stay until the completion of debating activities on the last day.*  
*Under no circumstances will students be permitted to leave the camp before the 3:00pm Tuesday finishing time as students are grouped into debate teams comprised of debaters from various schools and the debates are the culmination of all the students’ learning throughout the camp. When students leave early the debates are significantly disrupted.*  
*Please indicate on the form provided whether your students are beginner debaters or have experience in debating.*

**Travel:**
Students will be required to travel privately with school staff or parents/guardians. Schools, parents and accompanying staff are responsible for travel arrangements.
Acceptance/Consent Form

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter/ward ______________________ to attend the “Arguing with Style” Debating Camp to be held at Katoomba Conference Centre, 16-17th March, 2015. I understand that my son/daughter/ward must obey the directions of the Department of Education and Communities staff at all times. I accept responsibility for my child’s travel arrangements to and from the camp. I understand that the cost of the camp is $105 which covers all meals, overnight accommodation and materials for debating instruction. This cost has been paid for by the school.

I agree to my son/daughter/ward’s participation in the debating camp based on the terms stated above.

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Parent/Carer’s Signature