V2 URBAN SEED ‘The City is our home’ TOUR OF MELBOURNE CBD

Students will identify the reasons and issues behind the growing problem of homelessness in Melbourne. We will explore some of the factors that bring homeless people into the CBD. We will learn about Credo café (an open lunch run from Collins Street Baptist church) as a response to the issues of marginalised people in the CBD. Finally, we run a debrief in which students share their reactions, and we challenge them to think about how we can create safety and inclusion both in the city and in their own context, especially their own school community.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During term 1, the Intermediate VCAL classes will be looking at the issue of homelessness and related issues.

On Tuesday 13th of March all V2 students will be traveling into the city for ‘The City is our home’ tour outlined above. The tours begin at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm

Students will need to find their own way to Flinders St. Station and meet their teachers at a pre organized location.

They will need to research train time tables to ensure they choose a train that will get them to the meeting point by 9:00 am and home again. These details will be checked in class.

Students are only required to pay the cost of getting to and from Flinders Street Station and their lunch. (The school will pay the cost of the tour from VCAL fees.)

As we have two groups, either following or before the tour, students will be allocated into groups and given a list of locations to visit and answer questions on what they see at these locations. During this time they will have to organize their own lunch.

At 2:30 pm we will meet a previously agreed location within the CBD and they will be dismissed. They will have already researched the train they will be catching to return home.

If they are not comfortable finding that train I will assist them in getting there.

Please return the permission form attached to this letter.

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