College Mission . . .

Building on a foundation of Christian values, the mission of Aitken College is to enable students to become informed and compassionate members of the wider community by inspiring academic achievement and creativity, nurturing self worth, encouraging environmental responsibility and committing to service with and for others.

Important Diary Dates for 2013

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Thought: “New ideas, like seedlings, must be well watered if they are to survive.” P.K. Shaw

From the Principal

Heaven was the focus for senior chapel this week and students were given some thought provoking ideas to consider. However, it is heaven to have the students and teachers back for Term 2. It is a busy term packed with many activities – lots of teaching and learning in the classroom and many opportunities to engage in the wider life of the College.

There has been much in the media of late on School Funding. Parents choose Independent schools because they offer a wide selection of educational philosophies and meet the religious, cultural and social values of families. Parents know what their children need in education, which means that the school chosen to educate and nurture your child complements the values that guide the family. This level of choice empowers parents to select the school that best matches their child’s needs, interests and ability.

Some things that might help your understanding of the issues around the Funding debate are described below:

1. The Gonski Review contains important recommendations that will be valuable for education.
2. The question of funding is difficult for all Governments (State and Federal).
3. Meeting all the requirements of State Governments and the Independent and Catholic sectors is a challenge for the Federal Government.
4. A valuable outcome of the Gonski Review has been discussion in education circles and among parents and the wider community.

However:

1. The delay in agreement on funding has been very worrying for Independent schools. We have not been able to determine our budgets for next year, or the following years. We are waiting anxiously for information to start flowing. Even as we get closer to deadlines for legislation, and possibly a new funding agreement, we are learning of the details and we are still confused. We are worried about the quality of data that has been used in the modelling – the figures seem to vary a great deal. We hope that this has now been resolved with the latest and most accurate information.
Parents and Friends: The Parents and Friends Community Business Directory is now on line, both as a searchable web and PDF document. I encourage you to consider supporting the members of our College community. Thank you to the parents who supported their Pre-Loved Sale on the last day of Term. The Parents and Friends next major fundraiser will be the Term 2 Raffle. Please look out for the raffle tickets in the next few weeks. Check the bottom of school bags!

Current Families: Please ensure that you have completed an enrolment application for any future siblings. If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, Mrs Perilli on 9333 1866.

Mrs Josie Crisara
Principal

Parents and Friends Association

Welcome back! We hope you all had a safe Easter and enjoyable holiday. We have an exciting fundraiser, That’s Mine Labels - www.thatsmine.com.au. This is available all year and is great to label your child’s uniforms, lunch boxes, books and more. Please click on our school name on the website so we can receive a percentage of your purchases.

The Preloved School Uniform Sale that was held on the last day of Term 1 was a huge success. Thank you to all who came to support this activity. Our next activity is the Term 2 Raffle. Great prizes and only $2.00 per ticket! Keep an eye out for the raffle booklet.

Aitken College Parents and Friends - Volunteers Register: We are putting together a Volunteers Register for parents who may be interested in helping out with various events during the year, but do not wish to have the commitment of being a member of our Aitken College Parents and Friends Association. We understand that you are busy with everyday life and as such have little time to commit to our regular meetings and activities. We also know that many parents say they are happy to help out if they are available for our events such as Pre-loved uniform sales. With this in mind we have developed a Volunteer Register. From time to time we require a few extra hands to man and assist with the BBQ or we may need help with preparation for a fundraiser. If you are interested in the Register, please email: admin@aitkencollege.edu.au with your name, email address and contact phone number. You will be added to this Register and occasionally you may receive an email requesting your assistance for a particular event. You will be under no obligation to do so, however, if you are free and can spare an hour or two we will really appreciate your assistance. It’s a great way to be part of our College community.

The Committee
Aitken College Parents and Friends Association

From the Deputy Principal

Parent Evening - ‘Young People, Drugs and Alcohol’: All parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the seminar, ‘Young People, Drugs and Alcohol’ on Monday, 29 April at 7.00pm in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre. The presenter is nationally known drug educator, Paul Dillon. We are extremely fortunate to be hosting him at Aitken on this day and I know that all parents will benefit from attending his presentation.

Buses: The charter bus services to Roxburgh Park and Greenvale have been altered, effective from Monday, 29 April. Details of all charter services are at: www.sunburrybus.com.au. The Roxburgh Park bus will now run through south Craigieburn along Fairways Boulevard, Lakes Drive, Newlyn Drive and Bridgewater Road. The Greenvale bus will commence its run along Glencairn Drive. Enquiries regarding new bookings on these services should be made to Diana Cohn on 9333 1866 or email dcohn@aitkencollege.edu.au.

Uniform: Parents are reminded to label students’ uniform items and to also periodically check that your child actually has their items and not someone else’s. To state the obvious the uniform is the same for all students and students can confuse ownership. Please return items that do not belong to First Aid who can return them to the correct student. Students should be moving into winter uniform for next week. Boys must wear their winter shirt (short or long sleeve) with their tie and girls’ skirts must be below the knee. Tights are to be navy blue not black.

Woolworths Earn and Learn: A box is located at Reception outside the First Aid room for completed Woolworths sticker sheets. Over the past two years the Earn and Learn points have enabled us to purchase a range of classroom learning materials for lower primary and robotics construction sets for upper primary.

Mr Kim Forward
Deputy Principal

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Brookhill School Notices

Welcome back to a new term. As it is the longest term, Term 2 is a very important term for the academic program. In particular, I would like to start the term by encouraging Year 12 students to renew their commitment to achieving their personal best academic results.

There are several important procedural and housekeeping matters I would like families to take notice of:

- All students must attend morning Homeroom. This is an important time for recording attendance and distributing information. Students not attending Homeroom will be issued with after school detentions.
- Winter uniform is now compulsory. As of Monday 22 April, students must be in full winter uniform.
- Families’ attention is drawn to the College’s policy on hairstyles: exaggerated hair styles are not permitted. Boys’ hair styles which have the sides shaved and long hair on the top are considered to be exaggerated and are not permitted at the College. Students presenting with exaggerated hair styles will be asked to rectify the situation, or stay home until the style grows out.
- Students must not be consuming take-away food obtained from fast food outlets while at school. Please do not allow your child to arrange to have take-away food brought to them at school.

Common Rooms: New furniture has arrived for the Common Rooms. This has been purchased at considerable expense to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for the Senior Students. It is vital that this furniture is cared for appropriately. Additionally, Brookhill students must realise that the Common Rooms are shared College facilities and they have a responsibility to leave these facilities in a neat and tidy fashion.

Mr David Murphy
Head of Brookhill

VCAL News

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme is part of the program for Year 11 and 12 VCAL students. The Award is an internationally recognised and valued program that encourages and empowers young people to engage with their community, explore their potential and challenge themselves to achieve personal excellence. This is achieved through structured, independent and non-competitive voluntary activities which encourage personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility and service to the community. The Award provides opportunities for young people to develop into mature, active citizens who will positively contribute towards society!

Last term, the Year 12 and Year 11 students organised a week long camp to Anglesea, travelling by public transport. Challenging activities included surfing, exploration walks, beach activities, bike buggy riding and fishing. Students also had to organise the campsite which included setting up the tents, packing up and basic cooking.

Glenarthur School Notices

Welcome back to all our Glenarthur community. We hope the holidays gave you precious time with friends and family.

As our last assembly in Term 1, it was devoted to the Easter service. I did not get the opportunity to recognise the willing participation of students in a range of extra-curricular College activities, from representing their school to helping with the younger grades. This contribution to the College builds a living tradition. I remind our children of the Glen that they are living their school’s motto, displayed at assemblies: ‘Give, Grow, Gain’. For example, many Glenarthur children donated a ‘gold’ coin to Disability Sport and Recreation by supporting the Cross Country/Fun Run last term.

Mrs Jenny Lilley
VCAL Co-ordinator
I will remind our students, in the light of the recent parent-teacher evenings, to make diligent efforts to achieve a Semester One report that accurately reflects their ability. Teachers are willing to make themselves available for that extra help – at the students’ request. As parents, your support is fundamental. Thank you for showing an interest in your child’s homework and providing a quiet study area.

**ANZAC Assembly at Craigieburn SES:** The College appreciates the time and interest of our Year 9 and Year 10 students who have once again kindly agreed to give of their own time, to represent Aitken at the Craigieburn SES ANZAC Service on ANZAC Day proper, Thursday, 25 April.

The College’s ANZAC Service is on Wednesday, 24 April, commencing at 10.30am, in the flagpole plaza. You are welcome. Anzac badges will be on sale this week and next; please encourage your child’s support.

**Assembly News:**
- Your children were complimented on their excellent behaviour at a range of activities last term.
- Attendance in support of the Middle School play, ‘Miss Personality’ was encouraged.
- An Altitude Day leadership seminar for all Year 9 students will be held in the College on 22 May. An information letter will come home with your child for your signature, please.
- The third in a four-part Commerce seminar for Year 9 students will be held next week.

**Mrs Shelton Bond & Mrs Elpis Vlahopoulos**  
*Head and Assistant Head of Glenarthur*

**Dunhelen School Notices**

Welcome back to all and I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable break…now for Term 2. This term is already shaping up to be a busy one. We have the Year 7 Peer Support picnic on Tuesday, 23 April, the Year 6 Peer Support students receiving certificates on 22 April and Immunisations for Year 7 on 22 April, just to name a few. I have informed Dunhelen students to be prepared for work and fun!

Students should now be in winter uniform. Please ensure that girls’ skirt length is below the knee and they are wearing navy tights. Boys will need to put the shorts away until Term 4 and start wearing their school trousers. Students should have their blazer with them every day. A reminder to clearly label all items of uniform!

**Mrs Francis Scuderi & Mr Ben Prentice**  
*Head and Assistant Head of Dunhelen*

**Cumberland School Notices**

Welcome to the start of a new school term. It is a long one, so things like routines and regular bedtimes are important. When your child has the sniffles, please consider the impact that sending your child to school has, not only on your child but on the rest of the class and his/her teachers.

Children should now be wearing their winter uniform. Please ensure that it is being worn correctly and is in good order. If you are unsure of what constitutes the winter uniform, please refer to page 7 in your child’s diary.

A number of events take place this term: Athletics, excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Year 4 camp and NAPLAN testing.

The children will be familiarised with the format of the NAPLAN tests but we do not spend weeks practicing for them as we believe that this is of no advantage to the children. Whilst the children aim to do their best, it is important that they not stress over them. The tests are merely one form of testing taken over a period of three days and variations in results can occur. Promotion to the next Year level is not dependent on the test results.

The House Athletics carnival held this week was a huge success. A big thank you to all the staff and students involved and to the many parents who came to support the event. The results will be announced in Assembly next week.

**Sarah Casey (4S) competed in the high jump**

Parents of Year 4 students are reminded about the camp information night which will be held in the Chapel and Performing Arts Centre commencing at 7.30pm. Please note that the information night is not for the children. The children will receive their information during class time over a period of days.

**Ms Barbara Wyatt**  
*Head of Cumberland*

**Fairview School Notices**

Welcome back to a very busy Term 2. Please ensure you keep up to date on events and school correspondence.

**Lines Of Communication:** Pastoral care, general administrative and day to day issues should be directed in the first instance to your child’s Homeroom teacher. If necessary, the matter can be referred to the Head of Preparatory School.
The Head of Primary Curriculum should be contacted about issues related to curriculum. This will ensure that the correct information is being processed by all involved.

Quentin, The Charging Rhino! The Prep children have been very fortunate to have a visit from an author, Mr Alan Harman. He was extremely generous in giving each child a personalised signed copy of his picture story book; a treasured gift they will have forever. I encourage all families to engage in shared reading time, this is a priceless family time!

Mr Harman with the Prep children

Mothers Day Stall: The Mothers Day Stall is scheduled for Wednesday, 1 May. I am requesting assistance to prepare and run the stall. A letter was sent home with all of the details. Please return the reply slip, if you are able to assist.

Please note the following:

- The children are required to bring gumboots and slippers to school. Please ensure that the slippers are appropriate (not slip on slippers) and a plain colour/design e.g. blue, green. These may be difficult to find, therefore any slippers in a plain style and colour are adequate. However, please ensure they are not novelty slippers. In regards to the gumboots, any colour is fine. They have gorgeous colours and styles for children.
- Prep and Year One children are required to bring a spare change of underwear, socks and trackpants/shorts (blue or green) to school.
- Please return all lost property to First Aid. It is imperative that all clothing items are labelled clearly with the child’s name.
- Preparatory School children are not permitted to visit the canteen before school begins. We only encourage lunch time purchases. Please inform your child when you have ordered an online lunch order.
- Please inform your child’s Homeroom teacher of head lice cases. The only way to control head lice is to inform and educate parents. Ensure you check your child’s hair for head lice at regular intervals.
- It is compulsory that all hair is neat and tidy. We do not accept exaggerated hair styles e.g. tails and mullets with boys’ hair.
- Children are not permitted to bring swap cards to school. If they are brought to school they will be confiscated and given to Ms Neophytou. Parents will then need to collect them at the end of the week.

Ms Kerrie Neophytou
Head of Fairview

Careers News

Career News 5: The fifth edition of Career News for 2013 has been posted on the College website. The following link will take you to the careers newsletter: http://www.aitkencollege.edu.au/educational-programs/careers/careers-newsletter/. Edition 5 contains information about graduate outcomes for Occupational Therapy, courses in games and graphics programming, psychology and criminology, exercise science, public health, resort management and photography, pre apprenticeship courses in Bricklaying and Floor and Wall Tiling at NMIT, the Nursing and Health Expo, free VCE Chemistry and Biology seminars at Monash Parkville, new courses at ACU and more. You are also welcome to contact Careers staff in B21 or via email: careers@aitkencollege.edu.au or by telephone 9333 1866.

Mrs Clare Borg and Ms Rae Gibbs
Careers Advisers

Chaplain’s Corner

Easter was a great time to stop and reflect on the healing power of the resurrection. We too, out of our own brokenness, can find renewal and new life on the other side of loss. Roughly every seven years or so, we all go through periods of transition, where we will experience an ending, followed by a period of confusion. To complete the transition, there will be a new beginning, but that will only come if we are prepared to work through the ending and all the baggage that came with it. We cannot have Easter Sunday without Good Friday; we need to allow our own Good Friday, so that we can understand the new life that was won for us on Easter Sunday. One way to do that necessary self-work could be to attend the Listening Skills Seminars. There are still places available for the three evening Listening Skills seminars to be held Thursday evenings in May commencing, 2, 9 and 16 May, 6.30 - 9.30pm, (the Friday morning sessions are now full). If you would like to know more, please send me an email at jbeale@aitkencollege.edu.au

Rev Jeanne Beale
Chaplain

Environmental Programs

Thank you to parents, staff and students for contributing to a very successful Working Bee for Term 1! Together, we weeded the entire Science Garden swale and planted several dozen native plants. **Term 2 Working Bee** has been scheduled for **Saturday, 11 May, 10.00am - 12.00pm**. We will be preparing the Primary school gardens for upcoming planting, so bring the whole family and be a part of this on-going College project. Attendees will also enjoy a workshop on dig-free garden beds.
The Green Team has been very active so far this year and will soon be planting native shrubs in the Aitken College garden plot at the Hume Indigenous Community Garden. Our plans are to break the surface of our plot on 27 May. Several students will be invited to attend the community planting day and BBQ, in addition to on-going garden maintenance.

Ms Cristy Herron  
Head of Environmental Programs

Aitken College has a Market Stall! All food is grown at the Aitken farm by the Agricultural Science students. The next stall will be held out the front of the lower secondary school along the south side of the ring road on Wednesday, 24 April from 3.00pm onwards. Selling fresh organic produce, all money going back into Aitken Farm! This week we have: salad greens, rainbow chard, peppers and ‘super food’ nettle.

Mr Darren Tinker  
Environmental Programs Assistant

Equestrian News

Interschool Horse Trials, Jumping And Dressage: Stephanie Ritchie and Tonka did a great job at two shows in March, the results of which are listed below. The members of the Aitken Team are continually taking part in individual shows as well as in inter-school competitions and we love being able to share their successes with you.

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Remember to join our ‘Equestrian Edmodo’ to keep up with the comings and goings of the team. Anybody who participates in equestrian competitions of any sort may join our team; we meet once a month and the date is announced in the daily student bulletin.

Pony Club Victoria: There are many shows at various pony clubs in Victoria during April, May and June; please look on their website to see which ones you might be interested in. www.ponyclubvic.org.au.

Interschool Events: There are many shows during the year. Remember the new interschool year started in Term 4 of 2012 so check the website for the new timetable. www.vic.equestrian.org.au.

Melbourne Equestrian Vaulting: Ellen and Caitlin Vincent and Annie Fox are regular participants in Equestrian Vaulting and they would love to get an Aitken Team involved in this sport. Students do not have to own their own horse and do not even have to know how to ride to start this amazing sport. Follow the link below to see the recent success of the Vincent-Fox girls at The Saddle Dressage Festival. http://youtu.be/pmniZ0HK3jQY

Equestrian Australia have created a new initiative called ‘Ready Set Trot’ and this is a wonderful way to interact with and learn to ride horses even if you do not own one. Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

More details can be found at: www.readysettrot.com or visit: www.sugargumfarm.com.au for information on this or Equestrian Vaulting.

Stephanie Ritchie at Tullamarine on ‘Tonka’ (Montego Warfeathers)

Team Members: Jessica B拉斯, Kate B拉斯, Tayla Childs, Stephanie Ritchie, Rachelle Ritchie, Erin Stannard, Lara Stannard, Ruby Marantelli, Alessia Foroni, Cassandra Masters (Strapper) and Courtney Lilley (Strapper). Ellen Vincent, Caitlin Vincent, Annie Fox (Equestrian Vaulting).

Mrs Caron Flynn  
Liaison Teacher - Aitken College Equestrian Team
Library News

An invitation was issued to any parent or grandparent who would be interested in joining the Parent Book Club run by the library. It is an informal meeting where we share reading recommendations and conversation over a cup of tea or coffee. If you are interested please contact the library.

Mrs Mardy Kerr
Head of Library

Performing Arts News

This coming Wednesday, 24 April commencing at 7.30pm is the first major concert, our annual fundraiser for the Starlight Children's Foundation. The Performing Arts Captains' Concert brings together both Primary and Secondary students as well as some staff and family members in a two hour show. All are welcome to this year's concert for the cost of a gold coin donation. Friends of Arts have also donated a couple of door prizes, one for adults and one for students.

The VCE Theatre Studies play for this year is "Getting Away From It All" by Castlemaine playwright, Catherine Ryan. The production forms the basis of the Semester One VCE assessment for the four students in the Theatre Studies class. They are required to design, produce, manage and act in the play. A little surrealist in its presentation, the play begins when a suitcase falls from the sky and lands in the middle of the road. Living out of the suitcase is Sandra, a middle aged woman who is literally trying to get away from it all. Sandra is played by Maddison Maric. She is joined onstage by Therese Rowan as Lollypop, the school crossing supervisor and Tessa Hulsbosch as Postie. The fourth member of the class is Toni Harris, who does not appear onstage. In true surrealist style, the play often takes unexpected twists and turn but is full of humour and very likeable characters. Tickets are on sale now at: www.trybooking.com/CSSO.

Just two weeks after the VCE Play we will present this year's Middle School Play, “Miss Personality”. The show is directed by Year 11 students Brittany Crane and Teri Goodwin and features a cast of twenty-five students from Year 8 and Year 9. All tickets are $10.00 and go on sale on Monday, 29 April at: www.trybooking.com/CSST. There are two performances, 7.30pm on Thursday, 30 May and 3.30pm on Friday, 31 May.

Over the holidays we held the first rehearsal for this year's College Musical, "Honk!" a musical tale based on Hans Christian Andersen’s The Ugly Duckling. We are thrilled to have Year 7 student, Kurtis Papadinis playing the title role of Ugly. Many will have seen Kurtis playing roles in major professional productions like 'Mary Poppins', 'Love Never Dies' and 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. He is joined on stage by Micah Edmonds as the wily cat who attempts to lead him astray, Tessa Hulsbosch as his mother Ida, Chris Sidebottom as his father Drake and a large cast of colourful supporting characters. Tickets go on sale after the Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend in June but I urge you to mark the dates in your calendar now with performances on 2, 3, 8 and 10 August at 7.30pm as well as one 2.00pm matinee show, also on Saturday, 10 August.

Mr Michael Cooper
Director of Performing Arts

Participants needed: FREE study for overweight young people looking for help
(Recommended by Chris Ward: Director of Chaplaincy and Student Services)

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is running a randomised clinical trial of an online weight management program for overweight adolescents. Participation involves completing height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measurements and an online questionnaire at baseline, 3, 6 and 12 months. Parents are also invited to participate. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those participants who have kept their appointments. The results will demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of using the personalised, targeted Staying Fit program for addressing weight-related behaviours during adolescence. Recruitment has commenced and we are looking for 550 overweight young people aged 12-17 living in metropolitan Melbourne.

Enquiries Karly Cini 9345 6954 stayingfit@mcri.edu.au
For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/stayingfit
Accommodation

BIG4 Beacon Resort
78 Bellarine Highway, Queenscliff Victoria 3225

Arriving on 24/05/13
Departing on 26/05/13

Prices below are for 2 Nights

**Queenscliff 2 bedroom Cabin Click for details**
Estimated cost $428.00 based on 2 Adults, 2 Children
Quote reference #21258

**Queenscliff 3 bedroom Cabin Click for details**
Estimated cost $502.00 based on 2 Adults, 3 Children
Quote reference #21257

**Peninsula Cabin Click for details**
Estimated cost $432.00 based on 2 Adults, 3 Children
Quote reference #21259

**Swan Bay Cabin Click for details**
Estimated cost $392.00 based on 2 Adults, 3 Children
Quote reference #21260

**Bellarine / King Rooms Click for details**
Estimated cost $310 based on 2 Adults
Quote reference #21262

**Bellarine Rooms Click for details**
Estimated cost $283 based on 2 Adults
Quote reference #21263
You can view floor plans and photos of the cabins by clicking the links above to Beacon Resort’s web page.

The tariff quoted includes full use of the resort facilities such as the heated indoor pool and spa, a giant jumping cushion and a full size tennis court with a basketball ring close by. Tennis racquets, basketballs and board games are also available for no additional charge.

Please let us know if you need a cot, highchair or there are any other special needs to be considered.

There are also bikes available for hire to explore the region, though you are most welcome to bring your own. Amazing trails lead from the resort along the beachfront and following the Bellarine Rail Trail – they’re suitable for all ages and bike riding abilities; or you may even like to take a stroll along the sandy beach to Queenscliff.

There is also a skatepark just across the road at the base of the sand dunes; close by is a path taking you over the dunes where a spectacular view of Port Phillip Heads awaits. The fully paved promenade follows the bay approximately 1km towards Point Lonsdale, with beach access dotted along the way. Some areas of the beach are accessible at low tide, whilst high tide can provide fantastic photo opportunities with waves crashing against the stone wall. The sandy sections of Lonsdale Bay are ideal for family swimming; particularly opposite the shopping strip, with rock pools galore to explore around the bluff and a playground at the top with one of the best views in the region.

**Saturday Night Dinner**

Traditionally we eat together on Saturday Night.

This time it will be at the Royal Hotel, Queenscliff.

**Activities**

We have planned interesting activities which cover different mediums and age groups. These are:

Water colour painting, sketching, paper sculpture, knitting, photography (perhaps even some underwater photography, stop motion animation, oil painting, and construction and modeling. (some may be subject to change due to materials or weather conditions)
Art Supply Costs

An additional **cost of $20 per person** (5 years old and over) will cover art materials and the art room hire that will be made available to all participants. **This is a compulsory cost.**

**What You Need To Do Now**

Firstly, **decide** if you want to come.

**We need to know** by **Monday 22nd April** if you are attending.

Specifically, we need to know:

- **How many people are in your party** (please indicate adults and children); and whether or not you would like to **share** a room (if you would, Simon will talk to you about possible ‘room buddies’ before allocating you, so that you feel comfortable about the choice of this option).

Please fill out the form below with this information.

Please **reply** by **Monday 22nd April** to **Simon Adams** at:

sadams@aitkencollege.edu.au

This will indicate your expression of interest, and then we will need a deposit of $50 per room by **Monday 15th April** (if by cheque, then make out to ‘Aitken College’).

By EFT to: **BSB: 063 179 Acc: 1012 3101**

Please put **AARTISTS** and your **family name** as your reference and email me that you have paid.

If you reply after this date with your expression of interest, we may still be able to get you a room, but this is not guaranteed.
Family Name: ______________________________________________________
First Names: _______________________________________________________
Contact: Mob: ______________________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________________________
No of Adults: ______
No of Children: _____ Ages of Children: ____________________________

I would be willing to share a room: Yes/No

I would like to book a (description of the cabin you want from the above list)
____________________________________________________________________

Please sign and return to the Aitken College Office

I am aware that I am fully responsible for the members of my family and will supervise my children at all times. I agree that the College and its staff members are not responsible for the supervision and safety of my family and that I and my family participate in all activities at our own risk and after our own decision regarding ability, age appropriateness, suitability of materials/equipment and safety.

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