Sports Carnival Parent Information 2016

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Normanhurst Boys will be holding three compulsory school carnivals in 2016. Attendance at these carnivals is compulsory. These events are not optional and are an integral to being a part of the school community.

**Event 1: The Swimming Carnival:** held at Hornsby Aquatic Centre on **Monday 1st February from 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.** Please note that is in the second week of Term 1 2016. Students who are comfortable to do so are asked to make their own way to and from the pool. Staff will be allocated to supervise road crossings between Hornsby Station and the pool between 8 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. and for 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Carnival. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that they have a valid ticket for egress at Hornsby Station. Carnival Entry has been paid as part of the Carnival Levy in the 2016 School Fees.

As this will only be the second day of school for Year 7 students, a teacher will be waiting on the school oval for all of those students who are not comfortable making their own way via train to Hornsby and the pool. This group will leave the oval at 8.00am so students will need to be there by about 7.45am. Staff members will accompany students to and from the pool via the train. Students will be required to purchase their own train tickets for the journey to and from Hornsby.

**Event 2: The Cross Country Carnival:** held at Pennant Hills Park on **Thursday 28th April** (wet weather alternative **Friday 29th April**) from **11.45 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.** Buses (paid for in 2016 Carnival Levy in School Fees) will take students from School to the venue. Students will be dismissed at Pennant Hills Park. Staff will be allocated to supervise students crossing Pennant Hills Rd at the completion of the carnival for access to bus and train services. Exact details of the course to be run will be provided immediately prior to the event.

**Event 3: The Athletics Carnival:** held in **Week 5 Term 2 (day TBC)** at Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush. A school hired train to Olympic Park (paid for in the 2016 Carnival Levy within School Fees) will collect and return students to and from Hornsby, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills and Epping Stations. The exact times will be finalised with City Rail closer to the date. From past experience it would be anticipated that the train will pick up students at approximately 8.30 a.m and drop return to Normanhurst Station at approximately 3.15 p.m. This is a wet weather track. This event will run irrespective of weather.
Please also be aware of the following:

- Attendance is compulsory at all School Carnivals for all Years 7-12. Students who do not attend will require note from home to verify illness.

- Year 12 students need to be reminded that attendance at all lessons in the week preceding any formal task is mandatory unless a Doctors Certificate is obtained. Failure to do so will result in zero marks being allocated for tasks. Please refer to the Assessment Policy for further clarification.

- Students who are incapacitated and unable to participate are still required to attend and must report to Carnival Organiser for appointment to alternate duties. This is part of being a member of the school community.

- The cost of venue hire and transport is covered by the Carnival Levy in your School Fees. As long as you have paid your School Fees there will be no additional charges for transport and venue entry. Please be reminded that the school pays for these fees upfront and payment is due early in Term 1.

- All students must participate in 50m Freestyle at swimming unless a note signed by parent indicates that the student cannot swim 50 metres.

- The 100m sprint is compulsory at the Athletics carnival. The names of all students are pre-entered into this event. Participation in this event enables a roll of those in attendance to be verified.

- The Cross Country is compulsory for all students. It is expected that all students who are not verified medically unfit will be able to run or walk (if they lack the fitness to run).

- Students are to wear their sports uniform to and from all Carnivals.

- No streamers, hair dye etc is allowed by venues.

- Students can either bring a packed lunch or purchase from the kiosk at the venue for Athletics and Swimming. The Prefects will operate a BBQ at the Cross Country.

- Valuables should not be brought to Carnival.

- Every competitor will be competing for house participation points and merit certificates.

- In the event of inclement weather forcing cancellation a notice advising of the decision will be placed on School Website before 7am on day of Carnival.

ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE FOLLOWING PERMISSION NOTE TO THE OFFICE.
## SPORTS CARNIVALS PERMISSION NOTE 2016

I give permission for my son _______________________________ in Year ________
to attend and participate in the (please tick box)

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Forms which fail to indicate the ability to swim will result in a NEW form needing to be completed

- My son will travel with the group departing from the school oval at 8.00am.

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Please state any foreseeable reason that your child is unable to attend any of the above Carnivals

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Medical or other conditions which the School should be aware of

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I understand that attendance at all events is compulsory.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____________________________ Date: ______________