

9 May 2017

Dear Parent / Caregiver

RE: Year 8 School Musical Excursion – Thursday 1 June 2017

As part of the Norwood Morialta High School co-curricular program, Year 8 to 12 students have been working together to present a biennial school musical. This year the school musical is *Chicago*.

The story of *Chicago* follows bored housewife Roxie Hart as she dreams of fame. When Roxie learns that the man who promised her a big break is only using her, she shoots him. She finds herself incarcerated at Cook County jail alongside one of Roxie's idols, Velma Kelly, one half of the headlining Kelly Sisters. Velma purportedly killed her husband and sister when she found out they were having an affair. Velma has no time for people like Roxie. But when both women hire the hot-shot lawyer Billy Flynn, for an exorbitant price, the spotlight shifts from Velma to Roxie. Through it all, Roxie and Velma eventually come to the understanding that beyond fame, their life or death may also be on the line.

Chicago tackles mature themes and content as well as mild course language and sexual references as the musical delves into the world of murder, celebrities, infamy and sexuality all within the 1920s setting. The themes manage to resonate with audiences today, despite being written in the 1970s, as there are clear connections to contemporary society where crime is publicised and glamorised by celebrities. We believe our stylised approach to the mature content will mean students will establish a connection to the powerful characters and develop an understanding of the issues and themes conveyed throughout the musical.

All Year 8 students will be attending the matinee performance of the musical on Thursday 1 June at 11:30am at the Senior Campus. Students will depart the Middle Campus at 10:30 and travel with their PLG teachers to the Senior Campus by chartered buses. Students need to bring a packed lunch which they can have during the 30-minute interval. Students will be dismissed from the Senior Campus at approximately 3:00pm.

Please sign the Consent Slip below and return it to the PLG teacher by Friday 26 May.

Yours sincerely

Karmen Petric
Assistant Principal
Middle Campus

Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal

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Return Consent Slip by Friday 26 May PLG Teacher.

YEAR 8 SCHOOL MUSICAL EXCURSION

I consent to my child (NAME)..... of (PLG)
attending the school musical matinee on Thursday 1 June at 11:30am, travelling to the Senior Campus
by a chartered bus and being dismissed at approximately 3:00pm from the Senior Campus.

Parent/Caregiver Name:.....

Parent/ Caregiver Signature:

DATE:



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