Dear Parents / Carers

Senior Band students from Connells Point, Brighton-Le-Sands, Sans Souci and South Hurstville Public Schools are combining for an opportunity to mix and share their talents at our three day BAND CAMP in Stanwell Tops. The three day (two night) camp will take place at the Stanwell Tops Conference Centre. The camp will be a fantastic opportunity for the Senior Concert band students to work together intensively with experienced tutors. Our previous band camps, held at this venue, have been highly successful.

The details of the trip have been organised based on 40-55 band members participating and I would like to see all band members take part if possible. It is a fabulous opportunity to build on already well developing skills and focus on other areas in the children’s development of musical skills. Details of the camp are outlined below:

**Camp Dates**

The camp will take place in Week 7 of Term 3 – Monday 29th August to Wednesday August 31st 2011.

**Transport**

The band will be transported in seatbelt fitted coach with trailer capacity to cater for instruments and other band equipment. The coach will depart Connells Point P.S. at 8am on the morning of Monday August 29th and return at approximately 4:30 pm on Wednesday August 31st.

**Accommodation**

Band members will be housed in comfortable accommodation at the Stanwell Tops Conference Centre. Students will be in rooms of four to six people. Boys and girls will be housed in separate buildings and each room will have its own bathroom facilities. Linen and towels are not provided. *(Children require a pillowcase, sheets or a sleeping bag and their own toiletries.)*

Children will be able to nominate preferred room buddies to help with room allocation at camp.

**Meals**

Meals will be provided by the Conference Centre as follows:

Day 1: (Monday August 29, Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea & dinner.

Day 2: (Tuesday, August 30) Breakfast, Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea & dinner.

Day 3: (Wednesday, August 31) Breakfast, Morning tea & lunch.
Supervision

The students will be supervised by Mr Paul Cohen and Mrs Hendrika Green. Mr Skues will also be employed as our musical director and will assist with supervision of students. The supervising teachers have current emergency care certification. There will also be teachers from the other participating schools in attendance, as well as camp staff.

Medical Forms

The students have been given medical forms to complete and return by Thursday August 18th. These forms include such considerations as: procedures for students who need to take medication during the trip, special dietary requirements as well as emergency contact numbers.

Musical Equipment:

Students will need to bring their instrument, pencil, music folder and music stand.

Night Activities:

There will be a Disco on the Monday night and a Talent Quest on the Tuesday night.

Special Outdoor Activities:

This year we have organised two special outdoor activities to give the students a break from their intensive music program. The activities will be run by qualified staff members of the Tops Conference Centre, taking place from 2:30-4:15 on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the camp. Students will need to nominate their choice of activities from the following list: Giant Swing, Archery, Abseiling tower, and Vertical Cluster. Preferences must be made on the permission note which will be sent home shortly. Parents need to sign individual permission notes for each activity as well as the Acknowledgement of Risk form. The children will have an opportunity to view these activities on Thursday morning at their rehearsal. Parents may also view the details on the website at www.thetops.com.au

Break times:

During other break times, the students will be playing organised team-building games such as ‘Ants’ and ‘Poison Ball’, as well as informal games such as touch football, soccer and basketball.

Clothing/other requirements

Band members will be required to bring enough comfortable, casual day clothes for the two day camp, including the disco and talent quest evenings. Evenings are likely to be cool and warm clothes will need to be included. Sufficient toiletries and pyjamas will also be required. Doonas and pillows will be provided but students need to bring a pillow case and linen or a sleeping bag and a towel. (PLEASE DO NOT PACK LOLLIES AND OTHER FAST FOOD ITEMS)
**Electronic Equipment**

Children are not to bring electronic equipment such as i-pods, Nintendo DS’s mobile phones etc. These items are valuable items of equipment and can prevent students from taking an active part in all activities prepared for them.

**Follow-up Concert Performance**

The camp participants will play together in a Combined Schools Concert sometime in Term 4 with the venue, date and time to be announced.

**Cost of camp**

The total cost to band members will be **$245 per student.** This includes transport, accommodation, meals, outdoor activities and tuition fees. Students may also bring a small amount of spending money ($10 should be sufficient) for a possible snack stop on the return journey. There is no need for additional funds as all vending machines are out of bounds to children for the duration of our stay. A deposit of **$50 will be required by Thursday, July 28th. Final payment must be made by Thursday August 18th. Medical forms must also be handed in by August 18th.** Payment of cash or cheque (made out to CPPS) can be made directly to the school office.

Mrs A. Hewson
Principal

Mrs H. Green
Band Co-ordinator
## CPPS Combined Band 2011 - Proposed Camp Itinerary

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Permission Note for the Combined Schools Band Camp 2011

I give permission for my child ______________________________ of class ______________
to attend the 2011 Combined Schools Band Camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre between Monday August 29 and Wednesday August 31st.

I understand that my child will be travelling by coach to and from the camp.  Yes / No.

Signed ______________________________ Date ____/____/____
Parent/Guardian

☐ I enclose a deposit of $50

Or

☐ I enclose full payment of $245