



Dear Parents,

In the footsteps of Heroes...

Knox Grammar School has a long-term relationship with the people of PNG. In 2020, we wish to offer the opportunity for our young men to experience the Spirit of Kokoda and walk in the footsteps of the Australian Diggers who participated in the Kokoda campaign during WWII.

If you would like to express interest in your son being part of the 2020 PNG Kokoda Track Trek, please complete the slip below and have your son return it to Ms Lenore Kennedy.

Ms Lenore Kennedy will be organising and leading the 2020 PNG Kokoda Trip, having completed the track twice with Knox.

The trip will be approximately 11 days in length, walking the track for 8 days. In addition to this, students will participate in a range of sporting activities with the local communities along the Trek and activities in the villages will include swimming, cricket, touch football and working with local children teaching English OR assisting in the local orphanage (to be confirmed).

Participation in the Kokoda Trek can count for half the hours of the Year 10 Community Service in 2020.

Proposed information:

Departure Date: Saturday the 26th of September, 2020

Return Date: Tuesday the 6th of October, 2020

Costing: Approximately \$6200 (Price includes Kokoda Spirit trek fees, airfare, accommodation, meals, travel insurance and personal porter). Price subject to change based on final numbers.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 will be required in Term 4 of 2019 in order to secure your Sons position on the trip. *Please wait until you have been advised of your Son's selection for the trip before paying the deposit.*

Additional Costs: Students will be responsible for the following costs;

- i) All necessary inoculations and a full medical check (see your doctor).
- ii) Any potential passport and VISA costs (e.g. application for new document or renewal and Tourist VISA).
- iii) Required equipment (Gear list will be sent out once applications have been assessed).

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Please note: A parent and student information evening will be held on Wednesday the 30th of October, 2019. At 6pm in the KCC Auditorium. Please register your attendance for this information evening using the following link: <https://forms.gle/kRYj2YagKeLqCCHu6>

By returning this form, you are expressing interest in your Son participating. Further information will follow to those who have expressed interest in the 2020 trip.

Participants will undertake the following prior to the trip:

- Physical and cultural training at Knox and personal training to be fit for the trek.
- Ensure they have a passport with at least 6 months before expiry (PNG req.).
- Complete the necessary documentation required including i) Visa Application, ii) Knox Medical Form and Medical Fitness Certificate, iii) Knox Swim Form and iv) Code of Conduct
- Have the necessary inoculations.
- All school fees must be up-to-date.

Medical

Participants **MUST** visit their local Doctor and ensure that all medications and inoculations that are recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) are prescribed and taken as directed by your Doctor. This regime **MUST** include anti-malarial medication, Hep A, Hep B and other inoculations as directed by your doctor. This will be outlined in future documents.

For further information, see;

- World Health Organisation <http://www.who.int/ith/vaccines/en/>

School Fees

It is expected that you are up to date with your school fees. Failure to do so will preclude your son's participation in the 2020 PNG Service Trip.

Student behaviour

It is expected that your son will be an exemplary ambassador for Knox at all times during the Trip. They will be required to follow the directives of both Knox and the Kokoda Trek Staff, along with other professionals and providers. It is also imperative that road safety rules, school rules and guidelines are adhered to at all times during this trip. These expectations are a mandatory requirement and you and your son are required to sign the slip below to confirm your understanding of this.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Lenore Kennedy (kennedyl@knox.nsw.edu.au)

Regards

Ms Lenore Kennedy



Please return this section to Ms Lenore Kennedy in the PDHPE Department or email kennedyl@knox.nsw.edu.au

Places will be reserved based on order of receipt.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN 2020 Kokoda Track

I would like to express interest in my son of Year (in 2020) attending the 2020 PNG Kokoda Trek to be held 26th September 2020 – Tuesday 6th October 2020.

Payment of the \$1000 non-refundable deposit will be organised via the Knox portal once you receive confirmation of your Son's place on the trip. Places will not be confirmed until late Term 4, 2019.

Parent 1 /Guardian:

Best email to receive correspondence

Mobile: Home Ph. Work Ph.

Parent 2 /Guardian:

Best email to receive correspondence

Mobile: Home Ph. Work Ph.

Parent/ Guardian name (*Please print*):

Signature:

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