



St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma

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2 April, 2017

Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite your child to participate in an academic gala day called the da Vinci Decathlon to be held at Canberra Grammar School on **Thursday 1 June** from 8.15 am to 3.00 pm.

The da Vinci Decathlon is run in the spirit of an Olympic decathlon with 10 different events:

- General Knowledge
- English
- Mathematics & Chess
- Science
- Art & Poetry
- Creative Producers (Drama)
- Engineering Challenge
- Code Breaking
- Ideation (a STEM challenge)
- Cartography

The day is divided into three sessions and at each session the tasks over a number of categories are presented to the whole group. The group then decides how they will allocate their people and total time to the whole set of tasks. It is definitely a case of teams needing to pool their collective talents and work harmoniously whilst also thinking laterally.

Training will take place at school using sample questions and online discussion forums. The registration cost of \$40 per student is substantial, but it covers the sample packs we are given for training, trophies and lunch on the day.

If your child has permission to be part of this event, then please return the permission note to the school office by **Friday 12 May**. Some parents will be needed to transport students to and from Canberra Grammar, but you do not need to stay there during the day. Please complete the appropriate section below indicating your availability to provide transport.

Yours sincerely

Frances Robertson
Principal

Sue Stubbs
Team Organiser
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PRIVATE VEHICLE CONSENT FORM

I _____ give permission for my child _____ to attend the da Vinci Decathlon to be held at the Canberra Grammar School on Thursday 1 June, 2017. I can provide transport for:

_____ (no. of passengers) Number of lap sash seatbelts: _____

I have a current driver's licence Yes No Licence No: _____

My car registration is current Yes No Registration No: _____

Current registration paperwork and Licence for drivers transporting children other than their own must be sighted by the Principal or delegate prior to excursion taking place. (Drivers will only have to do this the first time they drive students for the period of currency).

PAYMENT DETAILS: I enclose \$40.00 Cash/Cheque payable to St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma, OR please deduct \$_____ from my Visa/Mastercard No. _____ Expiry: __ / __

Signature: _____