Dear Parents

The purpose of this letter is to receive your permission in regards to the following:

1. students crossing the **overhead pedestrian bridge** across York Street,
2. for your child to participate in **local area excursions** eg: walk to the park, church or local area etc for school excursions and activities.

**OVERHEAD BRIDGE:**

Student and staff safety when using the bridge is paramount to our school. This purpose of this letter is to explain school procedures and expectations regarding students crossing the bridge and to seek parental permission for Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) students to cross independently before school if appropriate.

The **walkers line** will operate with teacher supervision before and after school for children who need to cross campuses. Morning **walkers line** leaves each campus at 8.35am after a microphone announcement. The after school walkers line brings primary students across to the infants campus for buses and leaves soon after the bell which rings at 2.55pm. Primary students **MUST use** the walkers line in the afternoon.

Stage 3 students (Years 5&6) are allowed to cross the bridge independently before and during school if the school receives a completed and signed permission slip from parents/carers (see below). These children are also permitted to walk their siblings across the bridge with the permission of parents/carers. Please note that all infants students are to be picked up from the Melbourne Street campus after school (before 3.10pm) to simplify collection procedures.

Students are to use the stairs and are **NOT permitted** to use the lifts unless accompanied by their parents/carers or a member of staff. This is a safety precaution adopted by the school.

**LOCAL EXCURSIONS:**

Students at St Patrick’s often participate in local excursion to church, park and we need your permission for these small local excursions.

As always, the safety of our students is of the utmost importance. Parents are asked to complete, sign and return the permission slip attached to your child’s teacher. **PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES AND SIGN BELOW**

Yours sincerely

Paul Toomey, Principal

<PARENT PERMISSION SLIP 20____ (enter school year)>

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TICK ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES - ONE PERMISSION SLIP FOR EACH CHILD PLEASE**

I, ___________________________________________ (please print) give permission for my child __________________________________________ Class: ______

**To cross the York Street pedestrian bridge:**

- □ under teacher supervision as a student in Year ______
- □ independently as a Stage 3 student (Years 5 & 6)
- □ as a sibling of a Stage 3 student: (Brother/Sister: __________________________ Class: ______)

I understand that the school regulations **do NOT allow** students to travel in the lifts independently and I have explained this to my child/ren.

**To participate in Local Walking Excursions**

- □ I give permission for my child to participate in local walking excursions eg the church, park

SIGNED: ___________________________________________ DATE: ___________________