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Thursday 28 March

2024 CERES Student Environment Leadership Program Tuesday 30 April

Dear parents and carers,

To promote sustainability initiatives and provide student leadership opportunities at Jells Park Primary School, an excursion to CERES is planned for the Level 6 Environment Captains and Waste Warriors on Tuesday 30 April, 9.30am - 2.45pm.

At CERES we will be participating in the Student Environment Leadership Program (SELP) which is designed to let students' inner leadership qualities shine and help them develop and deliver sustainability projects to action back at school. It is designed to empower students to become sustainability leaders by tapping into their interests, talents, and skills.

While visiting CERES, an educator will guide the students through leadership training, problem solving, research with a focus on energy practices.

Students will be involved in 4 sessions throughout the day, participating in the following activities:

- Learning about current social and environmental issues and solutions (eg climate change, habitat loss and or pollution).
- Exploring personal and social capabilities
- Participating in group discussions and hands-on activities
- Completing an audit to find out what's happening at your school
- Exploring student voice, agency and leadership by creating an action plan to create change at school
- Designing and building a project to improve sustainability at school (eg an insect hotel).

For further information about the SELP, please visit <u>Student Environment Leadership Program -</u> <u>CERES School of Nature & Climate</u>.

There are no costs to families involved for this excursion. We will be travelling by private cars to CERES, leaving at 8.50am and returning by 3.30pm. Students will need to be in full school uniform and require a small backpack with snack, lunch (nude food), drink, hat and any personal asthma medication and sunscreen applied before leaving home.

Parent helpers are required for this excursion. Please email j.meredith@jpps.vic.edu.au if you wish to be considered for this activity. You will be required to drive 4 students to and from CERES (CERES Community Environment Park Corner of Roberts and Stewart Streets, Brunswick East) and will need to complete a Private Car Use Application Form prior to the event. You will be notified by Thursday 28 March 2024, and if you have been selected you will be sent further parent helper paperwork. To be considered as a parent helper, you are required to attach a copy of your current Working with Children Check to your expression of interest email. Without this, you will not be considered to be a parent helper.

By providing permission for this event, you are agreeing to all details outlined in this letter.

Permission via Sentral

Permission to be provided via the Sentral app or portal by **Friday 19 April.**



Yours sincerely,

Jared Meredith Sustainability Coordinator