

Application to Cashmere High School Board of Trustees
for permission to run the:



Cashmere High School Coral Reef and Rainforest Trip

28th August 2013

Dear Mark, and members of the Board,

I wish to gain your approval to approach students and parents with a view to organising another Science based trip to tropical Queensland in 2015. The event has run very successfully in 2011 and 2013 with extremely positive feedback from students and parents involved. A summary of the most recent trip can be found in the latest newsletter or on the school website.

I believe that the trip fits well into the Cashmere vision for our community as those involved will indeed be Leading Learning. Specifically students will demonstrate:

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| Excellence | Their experiences and deeper understanding of Science and its application to real situations will improve their ability to gain Excellence passes in NCEA, especially in Biology. |
| Opportunity | This trip offers a unique opportunity to see first hand Science in action in an area not readily accessible to most. Meeting people using science in both the tourism, research and conservation sectors opens their eyes to future career paths. |
| Vibrancy | Students will immerse themselves in the sounds, scents and sights of these amazing tropical ecosystems. |
| Citizenship | Students will have to demonstrate good citizenship at school to be eligible to go on the trip, and then be ambassadors for our school and country. |

I think that this proposal will have minimal impact on the other overseas trips currently offered by the school as the numbers involved are small (14 – 18 students), the cost is less than most (\$3700), and the timing is totally in the school holidays (July 2015). It will appeal to the environmentally aware section of our community and may well attract students who have not previously considered one of the other school trips.

I do hope you will look upon this application favourably and I look forward to your reply.

Warm regards

David Paterson
Head of Science