



St. Paul's School

MANIBUS POTENTIA STUDIUM ANIMIS

25th November 2014

Dear Parents,

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD – SILVER AWARD

I am writing to inform you about the forthcoming **Duke of Edinburgh International Award (Silver)** trip that St. Paul's pupils will undertake in December. The group will leave school on Friday, December 12th at noon and return on Monday, December 15th at approx. 10.00pm.

The International Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all 14 to 25 year olds. As part of the programme, participants have to plan for, train and complete a 3 day, 2 night expedition (for the Silver Award).

Treehouse Outdoor Education will be responsible for the logistical operation of this trip, arranging transportation (boats and buses), hotel (pousada), campsites, guides, technical equipment and restaurants for dinner on Friday 12th and lunch on Monday 15th.

The group will arrive in Paraty by late afternoon on Friday 12th, check in at Pousada Villa del Sol, get equipment ready and have dinner in town. The expedition begins on Saturday 13th. The bus will leave the group in Laranjeiras (20 km from Paraty), from there we will take fast boats to Ponta Negra (20 minutes) and then start the hike from the beach of Ponta Negra to the beach of Cairuçu, where students will camp.

On Sunday 14th the group continues the expedition, crossing from Cairuçu to Pouso da Cajaíba and from there to Praia Itaoca, location of the second campsite. The following day Monday (15th), the team will start early on its final trek to Saco do Mamanguá, ending at Praia do Engenho. At this beach boats will be waiting to take the group to Paraty Mirim (40 minutes), where the bus will be waiting to take us back to São Paulo, after stopping to have lunch in Vila Patrimônio.

We will make a short stop on the way back at a service station and should arrive back in São Paulo at about 22.00.

The main purpose of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is to develop the students' life and social skills, and prepare them for forthcoming expeditions. They will participate in a range of challenging activities that will increase their self-confidence and independence. Students will be able to develop their communication skills, working effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. They will also be expected to act with integrity, a strong sense of fairness and show respect for each other and the group. Through the activities, students will also learn the importance of teamwork and develop a strong feeling of group awareness and strengthen friendships.

The cost of the expedition per pupil will be R\$1200 if 24 pupils attend. The school will contribute 50% towards the cost and therefore we will be asking the participant to pay for the other 50%, which will be R\$600 per pupil. Returning the consent form will imply that your son/daughter will be attending the trip and you will therefore be charged through the School Bill the cost irrespective if your son/daughter attends the trip.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Parents must make sure the medical information we hold about your child is up-to-date and contains all the relevant information for going on this expedition. Parents can view and amend the medical information we hold for their children on our confidential online database: parents.stpauls.br

General Conditions and Information:

- Treehouse Educação ao Ar Livre is an intermediary between its passengers and its suppliers (bus, boat and other services) and cannot be held responsible for the suppliers' failures or mistakes. However, should they cause any setbacks all efforts will be made to ensure the best solution.
- Treehouse reserves the right to change the program because of the weather conditions or any other reasons beyond their control.

The contact telephone number while we are away will be **99618-2054** but this should only be used in emergencies. If you have any further questions regarding the field trip please do not hesitate to contact me at school by email on gwc@stpauls.br.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Case

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Co-ordinator



**EXCURSÃO: PRÊMIO DE SILVER DO DUQUE DE EDINBURGO
SEXTA FEIRA 12 À SEGUNDA FEIRA 15 DE DEZEMBRO DE 2014**

***THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD EXPEDITION (SILVER)
FRIDAY 12TH – 15TH DECEMBER 2014***

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CANHOTO DE PERMISSÃO (*Deve ser retornado até segunda-feira dia 1 de dezembro*)
CONSENT FORM (*To be returned by Monday 1st December*)

Eu concedo minha permissão ao meu filho/minha filha a participar da viagem de campo acima. Entendo e estou de acordo que, enquanto meu filho/minha filha estiver acompanhando a viagem de campo, qualquer membro acadêmico da Escola Britânica de São Paulo pode autorizar que ele/ela receba tratamento médico. Eu também confirmo que as informações médicas do meu filho/minha filha que a escola mantém no Schoolbase on-line são precisas (parents.stpauls.br).

I give my permission for my son/daughter to attend the above field course. I understand that whilst my son or daughter is taking part in the Field Course, that any member of St. Paul's School staff may need to give permission for them to receive Medical Treatment, and agree to this. I can also confirm that my child's medical information that the School holds on Schoolbase Online is accurate (parents.stpauls.br).

Nome do aluno | *Pupil's name* _____

Assinatura | *Signed* _____

Data | *Date* _____

It must be emphasised that, as well as being an exciting experience for your son/daughter they will be representing St. Paul's School. It is imperative that the pupils understand the need to abide by instructions to ensure their own safety and the smooth running of this field trip. Should pupils decide not to abide by these expectations then the possibility exists that they may be returned home at the parents' expense. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

Pupil's Signature _____