Dear Parent or Guardian

School camps on 2016 Census night

The 2016 Census of Population and Housing will be held on Tuesday 9 August 2016. It is a moment to pause and help shape Australia’s future. The Census takes a ‘snapshot’ of Australia on Census night, collecting vital information to plan and allocate services, facilities and funding, including in the area of education.

To make sure that everyone is counted once and only once in the Census, please ensure that you include your child on the Census form as if they were home on Census night, even though they are on a school camp or an overnight excursion. Your child will not be counted at the camp.

Any adults accompanying students on the camp or excursion, including teachers or parents, will complete a Census form for themselves at the camp or excursion location. A Census Field Officer will arrange for delivery and collection of the Census forms for the adults to complete.

If one adult of the household is away at the camp or excursion, and another adult is at home; do not count the adult that is away as they will complete their own Census form at camp. Do count your child as if they were home.

Thank you in advance for helping us to make the 2016 Census a success.

Yours sincerely,

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