TENTATIVE ITINERARY

9 DAY CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR (COACH/AIR)

SCHOOL: LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL – Group A

DEPARTURE: MONDAY 18TH APRIL, 2016

MON 18TH APRIL

SCHOOL/EXPRESS TO COOBER PEDY

At 10.00am this morning the group assembles at school for 10.30am departure aboard our express coach to Coober Pedy. We travel through the night via Port Augusta (no meals supplied whilst on express).

TUE 19TH APRIL

COOBER PEDY/MARLA (D)

We head into the desert country and arrive into Coober Pedy mid morning. Famous for its opals and its population as most live underground, we enjoy a town tour and witness an opal cutting and polishing demonstration and visit an underground home and mine. We also enjoy lunch and visit the Breakaway Reserve, which is famous for several movies which have been filmed here (subject to road conditions). We continue to Marla Traveller’s Rest Campground arriving late afternoon to set up camp before dinner (breakfast and lunch at own expense today).
WED 20TH MARLA/ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK (BLD)

Enjoy the tranquility of the vast outback as we travel through country which almost defeated our intrepid explorers. We pass Mt Connor, often mistaken for Uluru and arrive into Yulara late this afternoon to set up for our two night’s camp at the Uluru Campground. Before dinner we visit the "Sunset Strip" to witness the sunset over Uluru. *(Note:- entry into park is an additional cost per person over the age of 16 years – Trekset will pay entry for the teachers).*

THU 21ST ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK (BLD)

This morning, before breakfast, we head to Uluru National Park to view the sunrise from the viewing platform. The park is listed as a World Heritage Area and it is here we wonder at the enormity of the Australian Outback. We visit the Cultural Centre *(booked by the school)* before touring the base, viewing the aboriginal rock paintings and caves and learning about local Aboriginal culture and heritage. Later we explore Kata Tjuta, some 36 great domes which rival "Uluru" as a spectacle. Here we enjoy the Valley of the Winds walk through Kata Tjuta, revealing the spectacular beauty of this magnificent phenomenon.

FRI 22ND ULURU/WATARRKA (BLD)

After breakfast we head to Watarrka National Park to set up for our two nights camp at Kings Canyon Frontier Resort Campground. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore our new surrounds.

SAT 23RD WATARRKA (BLD)

Watarrka National Park is the largest Canyon in Central Australia, with over a mile of red sandstone walls plunging into lush vegetation and natural rock pools. Today we walk the Canyon and view the “Garden of Eden” and the domes of the “Lost City”. On visiting the Canyon we understand how the colours have made the area a photographer’s paradise. We also have time for optional helicopter flights over the Canyon *(own arrangements and expense).*
SUN 24TH ALICE SPRINGS (BLD)
APRIL

Today we travel to Alice Springs, enroute stopping at Simpsons Gap. On arrival in Alice Springs we set up for two night’s camp at MacDonnell Range Holiday Park. The rest of the afternoon is free at our campsite.

MON 25TH ALICE SPRINGS (BLD)
APRIL

This morning we head south of Alice Springs to enjoy an Aboriginal Dreamtime & Bushtucker Tour. Here we enjoy a 3-3.5 hour program, to learn about real Aboriginal culture in a natural bush setting. Be introduced to topics such as Dreamtime and spiritual beliefs, bush survival, and the marriage and social system. Sample a witchetty grub, as we learn about bushtucker, hunting and gathering and weaponry. There’s also a rare opportunity to meet and interact first hand with traditional people from the Walpiri tribe. After lunch, we are split into 2 groups, with Group 1 visiting the School of the Air for a guided tour, whilst Group 2 visits the Royal Flying Doctors Base for a guided tour. At the groups swap activities. We then enjoy a self guided visit of the Old Telegraph Station, before returning to our campsite for dinner. Tonight we take a drive up Anzac Hill.

TUE 26TH ALICE SPRINGS/FLY HOME TO MELBOURNE/SCHOOL (BL)
APRIL

This morning we have some free time around camp before packing up and heading to the Alice Springs Airport. Here we check in for our flight home to Melbourne. On arrival, an awaiting coach will transfer the group back to school.
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

9 DAY CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR (COACH/AIR)

SCHOOL: LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL – Group B

DEPARTURE: TUESDAY 19TH APRIL, 2016

TUE 19TH APRIL

SCHOOL/EXPRESS TO COOBER PEDY

At 10.00am this morning the group assembles at school for 10.30am departure aboard our express coach to Coober Pedy. We travel through the night via Port Augusta (no meals supplied whilst on express).

WED 20TH APRIL

COOBER PEDY/MARLA (D)

We head into the desert country and arrive into Coober Pedy mid morning. Famous for its opals and its population as most live underground, we enjoy a town tour and witness an opal cutting and polishing demonstration and visit an underground home and mine. We also enjoy lunch and visit the Breakaway Reserve, which is famous for several movies which have been filmed here (subject to road conditions). We continue to Marla Traveller’s Rest Campground arriving late afternoon to set up camp before dinner (breakfast and lunch at own expense today).
**THU 21\textsuperscript{ST} APRIL**

MARLA/ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK  (BLD)

Enjoy the tranquility of the vast outback as we travel through country which almost defeated our intrepid explorers. We pass Mt Connor, often mistaken for Uluru and arrive into Yulara late this afternoon to set up for our two night’s camp at the Uluru Campground. Before dinner we visit the "Sunset Strip" to witness the sunset over Uluru. (Note:- entry into park is an additional cost per person over the age of 16 years – Trekset will pay entry for the teachers).

**FRI 22\textsuperscript{ND} APRIL**

ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK  (BLD)

This morning, before breakfast, we head to Uluru National Park to view the sunrise from the viewing platform. The park is listed as a World Heritage Area and it is here we wonder at the enormity of the Australian Outback. We visit the Cultural Centre (booked by the school) before touring the base, viewing the aboriginal rock paintings and caves and learning about local Aboriginal culture and heritage. Later we explore Kata Tjuta, some 36 great domes which rival "Uluru" as a spectacle. Here we enjoy the Valley of the Winds walk through Kata Tjuta, revealing the spectacular beauty of this magnificent phenomenon.

**SAT 23\textsuperscript{RD} APRIL**

ULURU/WATARRKA  (BLD)

After breakfast we head to Watarrka National Park to set up for our two nights camp at Kings Canyon Frontier Resort Campground. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore our new surrounds.

**SUN 24\textsuperscript{TH} APRIL**

WATARRKA  (BLD)

Watarrka National Park is the largest Canyon in Central Australia, with over a mile of red sandstone walls plunging into lush vegetation and natural rock pools. Today we walk the Canyon and view the “Garden of Eden” and the domes of the “Lost City”. On visiting the Canyon we understand how the colours have made the area a photographer’s paradise. We also have time for optional helicopter flights over the Canyon (own arrangements and expense).
MON 25\textsuperscript{TH} APRIL

ALICE SPRINGS

(BLD)

Today we travel to Alice Springs, enroute stopping at Simpsons Gap. On arrival in Alice Springs we set up for two night’s camp at MacDonnell Range Holiday Park. The rest of the afternoon is free at our campsite.

TUE 26\textsuperscript{TH} APRIL

ALICE SPRINGS

(BLD)

This morning we head south of Alice Springs to enjoy an Aboriginal Dreamtime & Bushtucker Tour. Here we enjoy a 3-3.5 hour program, to learn about real Aboriginal culture in a natural bush setting. Be introduced to topics such as Dreamtime and spiritual beliefs, bush survival, and the marriage and social system. Sample a witchetty grub, as we learn about bushtucker, hunting and gathering and weaponry. There’s also a rare opportunity to meet and interact first hand with traditional people from the Walpiri tribe. After lunch, we are split into 2 groups, with Group 1 visiting the School of the Air for a guided tour, whilst Group 2 visits the Royal Flying Doctors Base for a guided tour. At the groups swap activities. We then enjoy a self guided visit of the Old Telegraph Station, before returning to our campsite for dinner. Tonight we take a drive up Anzac Hill.

WED 27\textsuperscript{TH} APRIL

ALICE SPRINGS/FLY HOME TO MELBOURNE/SCHOOL

(BL)

This morning we have some free time around camp before packing up and heading to the Alice Springs Airport. Here we check in for our flight home to Melbourne. On arrival, an awaiting coach will transfer the group back to school.
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

9 DAY CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR (COACH/AIR)

SCHOOL: LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL – Group C

DEPARTURE: WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL, 2016

WED 20TH APRIL

SCHOOL/EXPRESS TO COOBER PEDY

At 10.00am this morning the group assembles at school for 10.30am departure aboard our express coach to Coober Pedy. We travel through the night via Port Augusta (no meals supplied whilst on express).

THU 21ST APRIL

COOBER PEDY/MARLA (D)

We head into the desert country and arrive into Coober Pedy mid morning. Famous for its opals and its population as most live underground, we enjoy a town tour and witness an opal cutting and polishing demonstration and visit an underground home and mine. We also enjoy lunch and visit the Breakaway Reserve, which is famous for several movies which have been filmed here (subject to road conditions). We continue to Marla Traveller’s Rest Campground arriving late afternoon to set up camp before dinner (breakfast and lunch at own expense today).
**FRI 22**\(^{ND}\) **APRIL**

**MARLA/ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK (BLD)**

Enjoy the tranquility of the vast outback as we travel through country which almost defeated our intrepid explorers. We pass Mt Connor, often mistaken for Uluru and arrive into Yulara late this afternoon to set up for our two night’s camp at the Uluru Campground. Before dinner we visit the "Sunset Strip" to witness the sunset over Uluru. *(Note:- entry into park is an additional cost per person over the age of 16 years – Trekset will pay entry for the teachers).*

**SAT 23**\(^{RD}\) **APRIL**

**ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK (BLD)**

This morning, before breakfast, we head to Uluru National Park to view the sunrise from the viewing platform. The park is listed as a World Heritage Area and it is here we wonder at the enormity of the Australian Outback. We visit the Cultural Centre *(booked by the school)* before touring the base, viewing the aboriginal rock paintings and caves and learning about local Aboriginal culture and heritage. Later we explore Kata Tjuta, some 36 great domes which rival "Uluru" as a spectacle. Here we enjoy the Valley of the Winds walk through Kata Tjuta, revealing the spectacular beauty of this magnificent phenomenon.

**SUN 24**\(^{TH}\) **APRIL**

**ULURU/WATARRKA (BLD)**

After breakfast we head to Watarrka National Park to set up for our two nights camp at Kings Canyon Frontier Resort Campground. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore our new surrounds.

**MON 25**\(^{TH}\) **APRIL**

**WATARRKA (BLD)**

Watarrka National Park is the largest Canyon in Central Australia, with over a mile of red sandstone walls plunging into lush vegetation and natural rock pools. Today we walk the Canyon and view the “Garden of Eden” and the domes of the “Lost City”. On visiting the Canyon we understand how the colours have made the area a photographer’s paradise. We also have time for optional helicopter flights over the Canyon *(own arrangements and expense).*
TUE 26TH ALICE SPRINGS (BLD)
APRIL

Today we travel to Alice Springs, enroute stopping at Simpsons Gap. On arrival in Alice Springs we set up for two night’s camp at MacDonnell Range Holiday Park. The rest of the afternoon is free at our campsite.

WED 27TH ALICE SPRINGS (BLD)
APRIL

This morning we head south of Alice Springs to enjoy an Aboriginal Dreamtime & Bushtucker Tour. Here we enjoy a 3-3.5 hour program, to learn about real Aboriginal culture in a natural bush setting. Be introduced to topics such as Dreamtime and spiritual beliefs, bush survival, and the marriage and social system. Sample a witchetty grub, as we learn about bushtucker, hunting and gathering and weaponry. There’s also a rare opportunity to meet and interact first hand with traditional people from the Walpiri tribe. After lunch, we are split into 2 groups, with Group 1 visiting the School of the Air for a guided tour, whilst Group 2 visits the Royal Flying Doctors Base for a guided tour. At the groups swap activities. We then enjoy a self guided visit of the Old Telegraph Station, before returning to our campsite for dinner. Tonight we take a drive up Anzac Hill.

THU 28TH ALICE SPRINGS/FLY HOME TO MELBOURNE/SCHOOL (BL)
APRIL

This morning we have some free time around camp before packing up and heading to the Alice Springs Airport. Here we check in for our flight home to Melbourne. On arrival, an awaiting coach will transfer the group back to school.