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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**GAME CHANGER CHALLENGE – 2022 GRAND FINAL  
OVERNIGHT EXCURSION**

**Event Dates: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Permission Note Due: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Please note:** This event is fully funded by the NSW Department of Education.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This note is to provide you with information regarding the **Game Changer Challenge – 2022 Grand Final Overnight Excursion**, details of which are outlined below. **Please keep these pages as they contain important information.**

<b>Excursion dates:</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Welcome Dinner</b> <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Grand Final Day #1 (Design Thinking Activities)</b> <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Grand Final Day #2 (Pitch Session &amp; Ceremony)</b>
<b>Educational rationale:</b>	The Game Changer Challenge is the NSW Department of Education’s annual competition that focuses on developing students’ skills in design thinking, collaboration, critical thinking, empathy, and creativity. Each year teams of 5 students are tasked with coming up with solutions to solve a real-world problem. This year’s problem is: <i>We have a global challenge of ensuring healthy lives for all, at all ages.</i> Your child’s team has been selected to participate in the 2022 Game Changer Challenge Grand Final. This is an outstanding achievement with only a small number of teams selected state-wide to compete in this highly prestigious multi-day event.
<b>Excursion details:</b>	The Game Changer Challenge grand final will be held at <b>Game Changer HQ</b> at the NSW Department of Education’s corporate office in Parramatta – <b>NSW Department of Education</b> 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta, 2150. The event will run over three days and include a two-night stay at the <b>Novotel, Parramatta – Novotel Parramatta</b> 350 Church Street, Parramatta, NSW, 2150
<b>Students attending:</b>	Select Stage 3 students (the Laughing Legends team)
<b>Organising teacher:</b>	Mrs Hannah Bucholtz (Game Changer Challenge Coordinator)
<b>Staff in attendance:</b>	Mrs Hannah Bucholtz, Mrs Justine Jinks (Relieving Assistant Principal 3-6)
<b>Transportation:</b>	Private transport by student’s own parents/caregivers to and from the <b>Novotel, Parramatta</b> . Drop-off and pick-up will be in the hotel lobby, near the check-in desk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Drop-off time: 4:00pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b></li><li>• <b>Pick-up time: 4:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b></li></ul> <b>Please note:</b> during the excursion students and supervising teachers will walk to and from the Novotel Hotel to the Game Changer HQ. Students will be supervised at all times during venue transitions. The walking route is detailed on the following map.



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**Schedule:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Welcome Dinner**

- **Dress code:** Casual clothing
- **4:00pm:** Teams arrive and check-in to the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta
- **6:15pm:** Meet in hotel lobby to walk to Game Changer HQ - 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta (DoE corporate office)
- **6:30pm:** Welcome dinner - Level 12, 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta
- **7:45pm:** Walk back to the hotel
- **Overnight stay:** Rest and recharge ready to change the game!

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Grand Final Day #1**

- **Dress code:** Full school uniform. Game Changer (GCC) t-shirts to be worn over the top of school shirt.
- **From 7:00am:** Breakfast is served at the 350 restaurant on the ground floor of the Novotel Hotel
- **8:15am:** Students and teachers meet in the lobby of the Novotel Hotel and walk to Game Changer HQ, 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta
- **8:30am:** Let the games begin! Teams are guided through design thinking activities throughout the day. All meals during the day will be served at Game Changer HQ.
- **6:30pm:** Return to the hotel
- **Overnight stay:** Rest and recharge!

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Grand Final #2**

- **Dress code:** Full school uniform. Game Changer t-shirts to be worn over the top of school shirt. A second t-shirt will be provided to students for Day #2.
- **From 7:00am:** Breakfast is served at the 350 restaurant on the ground floor of the Novotel Hotel
- **8:00am:** Students and teachers meet in the lobby of the Novotel Hotel and walk to Game Changer HQ, 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta
- **8:15am:** Let the games begin!
- **12:30pm:** Pitch session begins
- **4:00pm:** That's a wrap!
- **4:30pm:** Teams return to the Novotel Hotel and travel home

**Additional venue locations:** there may be an opportunity for students to visit locations that are in close proximity to Game Changer HQ and Novotel Hotel, Parramatta, including Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta River Walk and food outlets within the block surrounding the hotel. Please note supervision will be provided at all times.



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<p><b>Accommodation overview:</b></p>	<p>Students and teachers will stay at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta for two nights. <b>Hotel check-in</b> is at 4:00pm Monday 7th November 2022. Teachers will meet students in the hotel lobby, near the check-in desk.</p> <p><b>Hotel check-out</b> is after breakfast on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Students are to pack and check out of their rooms after breakfast and <b>before</b> heading to Game Changer HQ at 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta. Luggage will be stored at the hotel.</p> <p><b>Room allocation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students will be in a twin-share or a triple room with a team member(s) from the same school. The triple rooms will include a rollaway bed.</li> <li>• Teachers will be allocated a room and accommodated close to the team.</li> </ul> <p><u>Please note: students are <b>not</b> permitted to swim in the hotel swimming pool.</u></p>
<p><b>Meals and dietary requirements:</b></p>	<p>All meals will be provided during the Game Changer Challenge Grand Final. Please note any dietary requirements on the permission form.</p>
<p><b>Supervision:</b></p>	<p>Students will be supervised by a teacher(s) from their school and event organisers. Michaela Fountain, Manager of the Game Changer Challenge team will be staying at the hotel and will be always available. All staff, facilitators and support workers have valid Working with Children Checks. Security is present on site 24 hours.</p>
<p><b>Packing checklist:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCC t-shirt from the semi-finals - washed and ready to wear for Day #1</li> <li>• Comfortable clothes (2 or 3 changes of clothes, including underwear, socks and pyjamas)</li> <li>• School uniform (2 or 3 sets)</li> <li>• Comfortable, enclosed shoes</li> <li>• Toothbrush and toothpaste</li> <li>• Toiletries</li> <li>• Raincoat and/or small umbrella</li> <li>• Sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses</li> <li>• Tissues</li> <li>• Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothes</li> <li>• Day backpack/bag</li> <li>• Drink bottle (no glass)</li> <li>• Optional: student may bring a small amount of money (limit of \$30). There may be opportunities to purchase small snacks from businesses in close proximity to the venues. All main meals have been organised.</li> <li>• Optional: running clothes and shoes. Students may have the opportunity to join Mrs Bucholtz for a fitness activity on Tuesday afternoon/evening.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ensure everything is labelled with your child's name or initials.</b></p> <p>All bedding and towels will be provided.</p> <p><b>Do not bring aerosol cans, jewellery or valuable items.</b></p>
<p><b>Competition resources:</b></p>	<p>Mrs Bucholtz will transport all competition resources including prototypes, digital files, and printed material. All additional items will be provided by the event organisers.</p>



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<p><b>Technology and photography:</b></p>	<p><b>Leura Public School BYOD Policy:</b> Parents, caregivers, and students will be expected to sign and agree to the <i>Leura Public School BYOD Excursions and Camps Plan</i> prior to sending their child with a device that has capability to connect to the internet. Old mobile phones can be used as a tool for taking photographs, however, there is to be no SIM card connected to the phone. <u>If your child returned the signed agreement for the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion, this does not need to be completed again.</u> If you require a copy of the plan, please contact the school office.</p> <p><b>Photographs:</b> Students will not be able to take photographs during the competition periods however may take photos in the morning, during break times and evening. Teachers will take plenty of photos during the competition and will share these with the community.</p> <p><b>Permission to Publish:</b> The permission to publish form from the semi-final is still applicable. If you have concerns regarding photography or publishing, please contact Mrs Bucholtz via the school email or phone.</p>
<p><b>Communication:</b></p>	<p>Whilst the excursion is operating, Miss Di Kipp will be monitoring the school email account to ensure any <u>urgent issues</u> from families are responded to. Mrs. Justine Jinks will also have the school excursion phone with her, the number is 0467 736 451 – this number can only receive text messages. For phone calls please be aware that if a private number should contact you whilst your child is at the excursion, please assume that this is Mrs Justine Jinks.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 information:</b></p>	<p>The GCC grand final will be held in accordance with current NSW Health and NSW Department of Education COVID-19 guidelines, policies, and procedures. Anyone unwell or displaying COVID-19 symptoms will not be able to attend the grand final. The GCC grand final is an in-person event, and no facilities are available for teams to join virtually.</p> <p><b>What if a student or staff member becomes unwell during the grand final?</b> Students or staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms at the GCC grand final will be provided with a RAT to perform a supervised test and will have to isolate.</p> <p><b>What if a student tests positive for COVID-19 during the GCC grand final?</b> Parents and carers will be notified and must collect their child in private transportation if they are confirmed COVID-19 positive. Students will be isolated (with supervision) until the parent or carer arrives to take them home. Parents/caregivers must complete the COVID-19 consent form for their child to attend the GCC grand final.</p>
<p><b>Medications:</b></p>	<p>All medication must be given to the supervising teacher. All medication must be clearly labelled with the student's name and school.</p>

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hannah Bucholtz  
Game Changer Challenge Coordinator

Mrs May Ptolemy  
Principal



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I give permission for my child to participate in the **Game Changer Challenge - 2022 Grand Final Overnight Excursion** to be held at Parramatta on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

I understand that private transport is required to and from the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta.

I give permission for my child to visit locations within walking distance from Game Changer HQ and the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. This may include, but is not limited to, Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta River Walk and food outlets within the block surrounding the hotel.

**Medical**

Information held at school is current for my child

**OR**

I have listed below changes to medical information and any allergies or conditions that may affect my child on the day.

**Dietary Information**

Meals will be provided during the event. Please tick the relevant boxes below:

- Vegetarian     Vegan     Kosher     Halal     Gluten-free     Dairy-Free  
 None     Allergies - Please specify and list     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Caregiver Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Caregiver Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Carer Contact Phone no. during the excursion:** \_\_\_\_\_