



SCOTS ALL SAINTS COLLEGE CATTLE SHOW TEAM 2018-2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This is for all cattle team members from 2017/18, and all students who will be in Years 9-12 in 2019 and all Agriculture scholarship students.

You are receiving this letter as your son or daughter has expressed an interest in becoming involved with The Scots School Cattle Show Team for the season 2018/2019. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of what is involved and to get your permission for your child should you wish them to be involved.

The school has a small Hereford stud (Scot's Herefords) and a small Limousin stud (TSS Limousins). The students will be involved in the running and exhibition of cattle from both of these studs. They will also be involved in preparing steers for local shows and for the Royal Easter Show.

The program will involve students breaking in, feeding, grooming and exhibiting cattle (both stud animals and steers) at Bathurst and Blayney shows. The steers will then be taken to The Royal Easter Show to compete in the Hoof and Hook Competition. The cattle work will take place during some lunchtimes, on **Monday and Wednesday mornings (during T4 and T1)**. Students will also be placed on a feeding roster for each week day, weekends and holiday periods.

As I am sure you can appreciate preparing cattle for the purpose of showing involves a considerable cost in terms of feeding and other expenses with the cattle. This is particularly so for the steer program and particularly so during the severe drought we are facing. Due to this there will be a cost involved. The feeding costs, transport costs, entry fees to shows, veterinary fees etc will be evenly split between the students involved with the team. The costs will be billed to all students involved. I can only estimate the cost due to feed costs varying from year to year. In 2018 it cost each student around \$600 (billed to accounts in small amounts as feed is ordered/cost are incurred). During the beginning of 2018, the school paid for the feed and this cost was covered by the sale of the steers and the prize money. There is usually a small surplus that needs to be covered (which in past years has been only around \$100 per student). This is hard to estimate but I do ensure you I do my very best to keep costs down. Please understand that costs are expected to be higher this year due to the drought. Grain prices have significantly increased and will probably continue to do so. It may mean I have to reduce the number of cattle this being prepared.

The other costs involved will include purchase of a cattle show team uniform (polo shirt, show shirt and cap – approx \$100; Blayney (\$30 approx) and Bathurst (\$65 approx) excursion costs, accommodation and excursion costs (Excursion cost was \$310 including food for 2018) for Sydney Royal (if your child is a mentor or co mentor to attend the Royal Easter)

Some students will be designated a 'Team Mentor' or 'Co Mentors' which means they will be in charge of a steer and a junior student. They will be given the responsibility of mentoring the junior student in all areas of the cattle program. A student is not designated this position on age but on



experience and competency. The Team Mentor will be the leader of the steer at Sydney Royal with the junior student being given learning opportunities at Blayney Show and Bathurst Show. Team Mentors and 'Co Mentors' will be allocated a Team Junior student. Junior students DO NOT attend Sydney Royal Easter show. They do attend Blayney and Bathurst. We also do the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in October – students will be invited to this if they are allocated a new Mentor or Co Mentor position. (I have attached the requirements of these positions)

Some Year 11 and 12 students will be designated Team Captains and Vice Captains and the Agriculture Prefect will assist these students.

IT MUST ALSO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF BEHAVIOUR AND PRESENTATION IN BOTH THE DAY SCHOOL, BOARDING HOUSE AND DURING CATTLE TRAINING. STUDENTS WHO ARE CAUSING CONCERN IN THESE AREAS MAY BE GIVEN A WARNING AND THEN THEIR PLACE IN THE TEAM WILL BE TERMINATED.

Should you wish for your child to be involved in this program could you please complete the form below and return it to Mrs Dawes by NO LATER THAN RECESS ON Tuesday 14th August , 2018. LATE NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!! Hard copies of notes preferred but emails will be accepted. If you need more information please contact Mrs Dawes on 0457515167 or ldawes@scots.nsw.edu.au.

Yours in cattle,

Libby Dawes



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I give permission for my son/daughter _____ who will be in Year _____ in 2018/19 to be a participant in The Scots School Cattle Show Team program. I understand this will involve some charges that will be billed to my account.

Could you please fill out your child's personal details below?

Students Name:	Year Group in 2019
Students DOB:	Parents Names:
Home phone Number:	Address:
Email Address of student and parent:	Mobile Phone Number of student and parent:
Student:	Student:
Parent:	Parent:

Signed by
parent: _____ Date: _____

(Boarders this note MUST be completed by your parents, not by your houseparents!)