



St Joseph's School

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Year 5 & Year 9 Excursion to Northam Cemetery for All Soul's Day

On Tuesday the **4th November**, our Year 5 and Year 9 students will be attending the Northam Cemetery for All Soul's Day.

All Souls' Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died, which is observed by Catholics annually on November 2nd. Practitioners of All Souls' Day traditions often remember deceased loved ones in various ways on the day.

As such, the school will also be involved in this day of commemoration by allowing the Year 5 and Year 9 classes to visit the town Cemetery. Due to All Souls Day falling on a weekend our visit will be November 4th. Students will be bussed to and from the Cemetery and while there they will be involved in some simple maintenance and care of the cemetery with shire staff. Followed by a simple liturgy.

Students will have time and are encouraged to roam the grounds to visit particular gravesites if they wish. It is also encouraged that students bring a simple, small bouquet of flowers from home to place on a gravesite of their choice.

Key Details:

Date: Tuesday 4th November 2025

Departure:

- Year 9 – Departing from Secondary Campus at 8.45am
- Year 5 – Departing from Primary Campus at 9.10am

Returning: 11.40am to respective campuses

Venue: Northam Cemetery

Uniform: Students are to wear **Sports Uniform**

What to bring: Flowers, water bottle and any required medication

I would ask all parents/guardians to discuss the 'Cemetery Visit' with your children before the experience.

Parent Participation:

Due to the nature of the experience, we are offering the event to all parents/guardians to enhance the sharing of the story and the connection to families and the wider community. **Please feel free to join us at the Cemetery from 9.15am onwards.**

Yours sincerely

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23rd October 2025