Dear Parent,

World Challenge presents the two St Pius X High School expeditions to Vietnam & Laos and Borneo in 2015

St Pius X High School are delighted to announce that we are launching a very exciting program which offers students the opportunity to plan, fund and ultimately lead their own 21 day long expedition to Vietnam & Laos and Borneo in June 2015.

This program will be managed by World Challenge, a pioneering educational organisation with 27 years of experience in delivering personal development expeditions for students. The expedition to Vietnam & Laos and Borneo is preceded by a training and preparation program, during which students play a major role in planning their itinerary, which will include project work in a local community and a challenging trek. Students are also supported in setting and achieving individual and team fundraising goals to help cover the cost of the expedition program, where on average, students raise over half of the total program cost.

I would like to invite you and your son or daughter to a presentation delivered by a member of the World Challenge team who will discuss the benefits of the program, the fundraising support and safety back-up they provide, and how they deliver a fun, rewarding, and safe experience.

Date: Monday 25th Aug 2014
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: St Pius X High School- The Factory Theatre

To learn more about World Challenge, please visit www.worldchallenge.com.au.

I would be grateful if you could return the reply slip below and we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Simone Kelly

RSVP to: Student Services

I will be able to attend the World Challenge Parents’ Presentation on Monday 25th Aug 2014 at 6.30 pm.

NAME OF STUDENT:

NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING:
The Expedition

This World Challenge program will be an exciting opportunity for a team of students to research, fund and lead their own 21 day expedition to the fascinating country of Borneo.

The Expedition will be preceded by 10 months of training and preparation. During this time, team members will learn a great deal about their destination and research the itinerary options with the support of their Program Facilitator and School Support Co-ordinator from World Challenge.

This team involvement will continue during the expedition itself when they will take on responsibility for leading the team, managing the budget, liaising with local guides and successfully achieving their objectives with the guidance of a World Challenge Leader. The whole program will teach and develop essential transferable life skills including financial management, leadership, teamwork, communication, organisation and decision making.

Borneo Highlights
Borneo will offer the team a huge variety of objectives and challenges. Teams may go trekking in both Sabah and Sarawak. Sabah is home to the highest mountain in South East Asia - Mount Kinabalu, as well as the challenging and beautiful Mount Trus Madi. Treks in Sarawak, the largest state in Malaysia, are in the Kelabit Highlands, known as the heart of the Borneo jungle, or one of the many National Parks. Here you will also find the world's oldest limestone caves as well as a wide variety of fascinating flora and fauna. The team may well find themselves trekking through villages where they will see local people and traditional longhouses.

A community phase is a key part in gaining a greater understanding of the culture of the people of this beautiful country. The majority of projects are based within small communities where Challengers live and work alongside the local people. At the end of the expedition the beautiful coastline of Borneo offers a welcoming environment to unwind or the team could visit one of the Orangutan Sanctuaries!

Vietnam and Laos Highlights
Vietnam is an intriguing country, rich in culture and boasting some of the most spectacular scenery imaginable. Three-quarters of Vietnam consists of mountains and hills, whilst its long coastline includes countless stretches of un-spoilt beaches and a number of stunning lagoons. The people of Vietnam hold visitors in high esteem and their sincere generosity and concern ensure Challengers are made truly welcome.

Teams will have the opportunity to explore the remote, jungle-clad uplands of Laos’ Bolaven Plateau. Trekking between jungle wild camps and local village homestays, teams will get a real flavour for the lifestyles and landscapes of this little known corner of one of the least developed countries on earth.

Above all an expedition to Vietnam and Laos is a cultural experience. As part of the expedition a project will be undertaken to allow something to be given back to a local community. A number of projects are currently being researched in Laos and indications are that there will be great demand for community development projects assisting with tasks such as building houses, digging wells or teaching and working with disadvantaged children.