January 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are invited to consider nominating your child for an innovative project designed to enrich the learning of children in the Alstonville/Wollongbar area and linking them with other students from local primary schools. Enrichment classes will run on Wednesdays from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm for a period of 18 weeks in Semester 1 2011. The program will be delivered at the Alstonville High School site with up to 25 students attending from nearby primary schools. A fully qualified teacher will be employed to deliver the program. The cost of the program is $380 per student, which will contribute to the cost of the teacher’s salary, all excursions, uniforms and resources.

Selection for inclusion in the program will be based on the following criteria:

- Intellectually capable
- Would benefit from involvement in a challenge and enrichment program
- Able to adapt socially to a variety of new peers
- Currently in stage 3 (2011).

The program will extend children by providing enrichment and challenging activities, which will broaden the children’s perspective on learning. The focus will be on the use of higher order thinking skills and problems based learning. Activities will complement the stage 3 curriculum with the aim of deepening students’ knowledge and understanding. There will be no overlap with the standard stage 3 and 4 curriculum. The program will be of particular benefit for gifted and/or talented students.

The days will run as a series of workshops, which will enable students to be immersed in particular topics and mini-projects. The immersion technique allows for in-depth processing of the knowledge to be acquired and high quality work to be produced. Tasks will require students to collaborate with their peers in the project and to network with each other. The program will commence on Wednesday February 9th, 2011.

A full outline of the program and workshops will be sent home in a more detailed information handbook when student placements are confirmed.

For more information phone:

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It will be each parent/guardian’s responsibility to transport their child to and from Alstonville High School each Wednesday the program operates. Should you be unable to meet the cost of this program but feel that your child would benefit from the project, then please do not hesitate to contact me as financial assistance may be available.

This program is a collaborative local public schools initiative. All efforts will be made to ensure equity of access to the program for those students who are currently attending a local public school and intend to attend a public sector high school in year 7.

For further details, please contact me, or David Silcock Principal at Alstonville High School. Please complete the attached expression of interest slip and return it to me ASAP so that we can formulate the group.

Yours sincerely,

Virginia Latta                  David Silcock
Principal                  Principal
Teven Tintenbar Public School  Alstonville High School

Expression of Interest – Plateau Enrichment Project

YES we are / NO we are not interested in our child ……………………………………… partcipating in the Plateau Enrichment Project (PEP) which will be delivered at Alstonville High School commencing early Term 1 2011.

I/We understand that a $380 fee applies and that I/We will be invoiced by our primary school prior to commencement of the program.

Signed (Parents/Guardians): ……………………………………… Date: …………………