



11 October 2013.

## **Australian Catholic Youth Festival – a once in a lifetime opportunity!**

Dear parents of Mazenod students in Years 12, 11, 10 and 9,

As a fruit of the World Youth Day in Sydney the Catholic Bishops of Australia were inspired to organise a similar Australian event to gather together young people from all over our country to experience faith, friendship and fun through music, talks, dramas, workshops and lots of joyful interaction. The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) was born!

Taking place in Melbourne for three days (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013), there are already more than 1,500 young people who have registered. With nearly two months until the event about 3000 young Australians are expected to attend – those between the ages of 25 down to Year 9.

Mazenod College is heavily subsidizing the first 75 students who register (Families are required to pay only \$25). So students will need to be quick to secure their place. Those current Year 9s who have selected the CSYMA RE option for 2014 are expected to attend the ACYF.

Several staff will accompany the students in a supervisory capacity for the duration of the ACYF. Students will be transported by bus to and from

Mazenod to the city venue at fixed times on each of the days: Thurs 5/12- depart Mazenod midday return 9.30pm; Fri 6/12 - depart Mazenod 9.00am and return 9.30pm; Sat 7/12 depart Mazenod 9.00am and return 9.30pm.

For more information about the programme and other related aspects please go to the website of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival:

<http://www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

Please return completed permission form (and \$25) only if your son will attend **to the RE Centre to myself not later than Thursday 24th October, 2013.**

Once the form is returned we will have them registered into our “Mazenod Group” on the ACYF website.

A pastoral and practical preparation meeting will take place for all ACYF “pilgrims” on Thursday 7<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Lecture Theatre.

Sincerely in Christ,

Stephen Lawrence

**Director, Faith and Mission**

**Mazenod College**



## Australian Catholic Youth Festival Permission Form

Return to RE Centre.

<b>Student Name:</b>
<b>Year level and class:</b>
<b>Email address:</b>
<b>Parental permission: I acknowledge that my son (named above) will attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December) with Mazenod College, will be supervised by College staff, will bring or buy his own lunch each day, and will be transported each day to and from Mazenod College, and that his registration includes a three day public transport ticket during the Festival to enable him to travel between venues.</b>
<b>Parent name:</b>
<b>Parent signature:</b>
<b>Student signature:</b>
<b>Cost of \$25 is enclosed:      (please circle)      YES      NO</b>