20th March 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers / Students

Spirit of Our Brothers 2015

Connecting with the CBC Old Scholars who served and remain in France and Belgium

In November 2015, representatives from CBC, Adelaide, will travel to France and Belgium to commemorate the sacrifice of some of the CBC Old Scholars who were killed during the First World War. Approximately 400 Old Scholars enlisted served in the Great War and most are acknowledged on the Honour Board, in the hallway opposite the Chapel.

The current CBC students will select an Old Scholar who was killed in action and research their time at CBC and the war service records. In some cases, families of the Old Scholars will be contacted to develop a deep understanding of the person, the Old Scholar. From this information the boys will write a commemorative address that will be said at the grave site, or memorial of the Old Scholar. The students will then place a series of mementos on the grave to acknowledge the connection between this memorial on the other side of the world and CBC, Adelaide.

The Spirit of Our Brothers 2015 is based on the Connecting Spirits projects which commenced in 2001, and has involved Birdwood High School, and area schools of the Mallee, including Meningie Area School, and Coomandook Area School. In the next few years groups from CBC, St Francis de Salles, and Findon High School will visit the Western Front to commemorate their fallen.

Before the group leaves the boys will be meeting regularly to research their Old Scholar in the Museum and Archives at CBC, online and in other public and private collections. As the group is self-funded, we will be holding several fundraising events in the lead up to the departure, culminating in a major fundraising event on the weekend before Remembrance Day 2015.

The group will be escorted by CBC staff and travel as a group at all times. The group will stay in convenient hotel accommodation and travel around the commemorative sites on a chartered coach.

The boys can use the research and trip to complete the requirements for their gold or silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards, for their Stage 2 Research Project, Stage 1 or 2 Integrated Studies, Stage 2 History and Community Studies. The commemorations will be collected together and published to commemorate the centenary of Armistice in 2018.

On 25th March 2015, commencing at 6:30 pm, there will be a meeting to launch and seek expressions of interest.

Please contact Mr Lucas at CBC on 8400 4200 or mlucas@cbc.sa.edu.au to discuss the matter further.

Mr M Lucas