VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Guardian: January 27, 2025

The Van Tech Music Program is pleased to announce our intention to travel to Kelowna, BC, for three nights on our Junior Music Tour for 2025. **The tour is more than a visit to Kelowna; it is a rich learning opportunity for music students to gain educational experience through music, leadership, and self-expression.**

This tour will be comprised of the Beginner and Intermediate Concert Bands, the Combined (Beg/Int) Junior String Orchestra and the Concert Choir. **The maximum fee of $450** covers all associated costs for the trip except some lunches (see itinerary).

Bursaries are available for families in need, following our successful Jazz Cabaret in November, and with the help of PAC funding and the School Affordability Fund.

The tour cost includes:

- Private charter bus transfers for touring and sightseeing as per the suggested itinerary (2 x 54-seater bus).
- Two nights hotel accommodation in Kelowna, BC at the **Sandman Hotel & Suites**
    - Add: 2130 Harvey Ave, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 6G8
    - Ph: (250) 860-6409
- Two breakfasts, two dinners
    - Lunches are not included, students will need to bring extra money for 2-3 lunches (they may choose to pack a lunch for the first day to save money, if they choose)
- Entrance to Scandia Mini Golf
- Full Day of Instrumental, Choir, Leadership, Musical Literacy and Team-Building Workshops
- Performances in Merritt and Kelowna
- Driver's expenses
- Kelowna 2025 Tour shirt

Other important details:

Students are expected to follow instructions of supervisors at all times and adhere to the Music Program and Van Tech codes of conduct. Please go over expectations with your child before committing to the trip. Supervision will mostly be visual although during our lunches out, students are on their own in groups of no less than 3 and must stay within a small and specific area as outlined by teachers-in-charge. There will be a pool at the hotel, and student certified lifeguards have been hired. You will give information on your child's swim level and permission to use the pools in the Parent Consent Form, attached.

To confirm participation and guarantee your child's space on the tour, please complete the following page of this form and return it along with an initial non-refundable deposit of $200 by February 21, 2025 (and/or a letter or email requesting subsidy sent to eariegert@vsb.bc.ca/handed in with the amount being requested, along with a guardian's name and signature)**. The remaining trip balance of $250 will be due to be paid by March 7, 2025.**

Students will be wearing lanyard itineraries with emergency contact information for teachers-in-charge, as well as the school and hotel names and addresses, in case of an emergency. Teachers-in-charge will have access at all times to emergency contact information of parents/guardians in the case of an emergency. Ms. Kilburn's phone number for emergency contact is 604-868-7868 and Ms. Riegert's is 604-928-0069. These numbers are only to be used in the case of an emergency.

With thanks,

A. Kilburn

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2025 JUNIOR MUSIC FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION FORM

Student Name:_____Student Number:_____

Student preferred pronouns: _____

Ensemble(s): Beginner Band ☐ Intermediate Band ☐
Junior String Orchestra ☐ Concert Choir ☐

Instrument(s)/Voice Type: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

Parent Permission & Commitment

We give permission for _____ to participate in the 2025 Junior Music Overnight Trip to Kelowna, BC and have included a non-refundable payment of $200 (or a portion thereof, with a subsidy request letter).

_____ _____
PRINT Parent Name Parent SIGNATURE

_____ _____
PRINT Student Name Student SIGNATURE

Parent Email Contact (most reliably checked): _____

School use/ teacher(s) USE ONLY - PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE	
PAYMENTS DUE in 2024-2025:	
$200 due **Feb. 21 (non-refundable)** **|** $250 due **Mar. 7**	
PAPERWORK DUE:	
School Field Studies Consent Form/Acknowledgment of Risk	
Medical/Emergency Consent	
Code of Conduct	