Thursday 1st March 2018

Dear Player

Congratulations on your selection in the Bendigo Bank Under 17 Cairns Lions Team to travel to Melbourne to participate in the Victorian Challenge. Please read this letter thoroughly to ensure you are aware of your requirements.

The Bendigo Bank 17 Cairns Lions Team will travel to Victoria on Thursday April 5 and will return on Monday April 9. Please ensure all players arrive at the Cairns Domestic Airport 1.5 hours prior to our flight departing.

The program is designed for AFL Cairns Youth Players to be immersed in the AFL Football culture, play against quality opposition (AFL Goldfields and Northern Knights TAC Cup) and get an understanding of the preparation and standard required to play at elite levels.

During our time in Victoria players will be given the opportunity to visit AFL Club Facilities, play against Regional Victorian teams, attend AFL matches and gain understanding of match preparation and recovery processes.

The levy for this trip is $300, this cost covers the following:

* Flights
* Accommodation
* Playing Apparel
* Travel Apparel
* AFL Match Tickets
* Some Meals

The levy is due to be paid by Monday April 2nd 2018. Please make payment online at the below bank details:

Bank: Bendigo Bank

Account Name: AFL Cairns Juniors Inc.

BSB: 633 000

Acc #: 1400 293 07

Description: Players Full Name

Players will be expected to bring spending money to cover any costs not associated with the trip (eg. Extra meals, souvenirs etc.)

Below is an outline of the trip itinerary:

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| **2017 Bendigo Bank U17 Cairns Lions Victorian Challenge** | | | |
| **Thursday April 5** | | | |
| **Time** | **Event** | | **Venue** |
| 5:00am Sharp | Airport Arrival | | Cairns Domestic Airport |
| 6:15am | Flight CNS – MEL | | Cairns Domestic Airport |
| 9:40am | Airport Arrival | | Tullamarine Airport - Melbourne |
| 11:30am | Accommodation Check In | | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne |
| 1:00pm | Essendon FC Tour | | Essendon FC |
| 2:30pm | Lunch | |  |
| 3:30pm | Head to Match against Goldfields | | Clarke Oval, Sunbury |
| 6:00pm | Match vs Goldfields | | Clarke Oval, Sunbury |
| 8:30pm | Post-Match Presentations + Dinner | | Etihad Stadium |
| 9:30pm | Return to Accommodation | | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne |
| **Friday April 6** | | | |
| 7:30am | Breakfast | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne | |
| 9:00am | Light Stretch + Skills | Eades Park, King St, West Melbourne | |
| 11:00am | Melbourne FC Tour | Melbourne FC | |
| 1:00pm | Free Time |  | |
| 4:30pm | Dinner | La Porchetta | |
| 7:50pm | AFL Match - Carlton vs Collingwood | MCG | |
| 11:00pm | Return to Accommodation | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne | |
| **Saturday April 7** | | | |
| 7:30am | Breakfast | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne | |
| 8:30am | Travel to Match vs Northern Knights | TBC | |
| 10:00am | Match vs North Knights | TBC | |
| 12:30pm | Post-Game Presentations and Lunch | TBC | |
| 2:00pm | Free Time |  | |
| 5:00pm | Team Dinner | Three Crowns Hotel, Nth Melbourne | |
| 7:25pm | AFL Match – St Kilda vs Adelaide | Etihad Stadium | |
| **Sunday April 8** | | | |
| 7:30am | Breakfast |  | |
| 9:00am | Recovery Session | St Kilda Beach | |
| 11:30am | Lunch – Players to buy | Flinders Square Precinct | |
| 1:10pm | AFL Match – Richmond vs Hawthorn | MCG | |
| 5:30pm | Dinner – Players to Buy | Area close to Accommodation | |
| 7:00pm | Return to Accommodation | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne | |
| **Monday April 9** | | | |
| 6:00am | Breakfast | Miami Hotel, 13 Hawke St, Nth Melbourne | |
| 7:00am | Depart for Airport |  | |
| 10:20am | Flight MEL – CNS | Tullamarine Airport - Melbourne | |
| 1:40pm | Arrive in Cairns | Cairns Domestic Airport | |

**What to bring**

* Football Boots & Runners
* Appropriate football training gear
* Waterbottle & Sunscreen
* Cold weather clothes (eg. Jeans, jumper, tracksuit pants/jacket etc.)
* Towel
* Toiletries
* Black Slacks, Shoes and Belt
* Current ID

If you/your parents/ guardian would like to discuss the trip please do not hesitate to contact AFL Cairns Development Staff on the below details.

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| **2017 Bendigo Bank U17 Cairns Lions Victorian Challenge** | | | |
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Regards,

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