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Dear Marvelwood Students and Families,

Students have the opportunity to represent Marvelwood at the 2020 Round Square International Conference being held in Australia in September. The conference is being hosted by Scotch Oakburn College in Newstead, Tasmania and will bring together over 350 students and teachers from all around the world. The theme of the conference is *Take Less, Be More*.

[Round Square](#) is a worldwide network of 200 schools in 40 countries, all of whom share a holistic approach to learning, built around six IDEALS (internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, adventure, leadership and service). Each year, Round Square schools send a team of delegates to the international conference. Marvelwood has participated in four conferences: *The Journey That Makes Us* in Switzerland in 2016, *Unite to Ignite the Fire Within* in Cape Town, South Africa in 2017, *Bring Your Difference* in Ottawa, Canada in 2018, and *Sarvodaya— the world we wish to see* in Indore, India. All four conferences were incredible experiences for our delegates, who represented our School with pride, maturity, and curiosity.

The Round Square Conference trip is truly the experience of a lifetime. Delegates have the opportunity to learn about and be immersed in cultures from around the world, develop a network of international friends and contacts, and gain perspective on what it means to be citizens of the world. Round Square is a highly recognized and respected organization throughout the world. Delegates become part of a vast network of Round Square alumni, which affords opportunities throughout their lives.

The all-inclusive cost will be approximately \$3,500 per student, depending on airfare. Some scholarship is available. Students who will be age 16-19 anytime in the 2020-2021 school year may apply (even if they turn 16 after the conference dates). Interested students should submit an application (available in the Resources folder [here](#)) by January 13, 2020. The application has three parts: student application, faculty reference, parent approval form. Please visit the [Round Square](#) section of our website for more information and to see photos from past conferences.

In addition to the annual conference, there are other exciting opportunities for students, including exchanges at Round Square schools and [Big Build International Service projects](#). The next Big Build is July 2020 in Laos. Information can be found on the Round Square section of the [website](#). Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions about any of these opportunities.

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