



Saint Ignatius College Geelong



Immersions - Trips 2025-26

PROPOSED IMMERSIONS



2025 CAPE YORK

TWO GROUPS
YEAR 9 & 10
STUDENTS

2025 TIMOR LESTE

ONE GROUP,
YEAR 10 & YEAR 11
STUDENTS

2025 KOKODA

YEAR 10 & 11
STUDENTS, ONE
PARENT/GUARDIAN

2026 INDONESIA LANGUAGE TRIP

ONE GROUP,
YEAR 10 & 11
STUDENTS

2026 ITALY LANGUAGE TRIP

ONE GROUP,
YEAR 10 & 11
STUDENTS

Context – why do we go?

“Our present students will, in time, assume various roles ... in all sorts of responsible occupations the young people of today will become the adults of tomorrow, so their good formation in life will benefit many others... to the greater glory of God.” St Ignatius



We only see the face of Christ when we do humble service to others.
- Washing Feet painting by artist, Fr Sieger Köder

We accompany communities to build on existing local strengths and resources, supporting them to drive their own development for more transformative and sustainable change.

We advocate for social and ecological justice for those most impacted by inequality.
Above all, with shared compassion and hope, we work towards a just world for all.

We give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and bring freedom to the poor and oppressed, while proclaiming their human dignity.
This work is undertaken in partnership with communities.

We go to do things WITH communities, in partnership and in support; not to do things FOR them.

SICG Interstate and Overseas Immersions

The College Executive recently agreed that it was an appropriate time to reintroduce Interstate and Overseas Immersion opportunities for students.

We have received advice from the Jesuit Province and from a professional risk assessment consultant that it is prudent to re-introduce our overseas opportunities for students gradually.

You would be aware that in 2024 we will conduct the following:

- *Cape York Immersion* *two groups; Year 9 and Year 10 students*
- *Indonesia language Immersion* *one group; Year 10 and Year 11 students*

It is now time to inform the school community about the possible 2025 and 2026 Interstate and Overseas Immersions.

The specific timing of trips must minimise the impact of students and also staff being away from classes. Naturally all trips are subject to Australian Government travel advice at the time, as per <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>

Process:

- Wednesday 11 September 6pm - Information Evening at school
- **Expression of Interest Form due date: EOI Due Friday 25th October 2024**
- Families and students submit this if they wish to be considered for an immersion/trip
- the Expression of Interest is checked against the criteria for participating in an immersion/trip
- families and students are informed of the result of their Expression of Interest and if approved a non-refundable deposit needs to be paid
- **Friday 15th November: non-refundable deposit due**

The criteria includes:

- the family having either an existing up to date fee payment arrangement or
- that the fees are paid in full
- the student being up to date with all school work and assessment, satisfactory student behaviour and
- attendance and participation in College events e.g. Retreats, Feast Day, College Masses and Assemblies, Carnivals (Athletics, Swimming, Cross-Country) etc.

Costs

Costs in this Booklet are ESTIMATES only. Factors such as airfares and the number of students attending a particular trip can impact the cost per head. As soon as the final cost for each trip is known families will be informed.

Journal and the Examen

The Immersion/Trip staff will prepare a Journal for each student that they will use regularly whilst on their trip as a way to reflect, discern and record their experiences, feelings and learnings. The Journal will be a very special momento for each student and they can look back at it in years to come.

On each trip the staff and students will do an Examen (Jesuit Reflection) each evening by way of reflecting on their experiences and sharing these with the others in their group. The whole school does The Examen at school every Friday morning so it is a very familiar reflective and prayerful activity for the students and the staff.

Partner Travel organisations and SICG Staff

Cape York	Red Earth	Attel Martschinke
Timor Leste	Destination Dreaming	Michael Tod
Kokoda	Australian Kokoda Tours	Michael Timms
Indonesia (2026)	Tri-jaya Tours	Julia Hall
Italy (2026)	Students of the World	Deanne Allen-Emery

NB: we have included information in the Booklet about possible 2026 Immersion/trips so families can be aware of what future trips might be coming up and plan ahead.

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Camino Inigo Camp (compulsory)2. Indigenous Immersion Cape York	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SICG Timor Leste Immersion2. Indigenous Immersion Cape York3. Kokoda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SICG Timor Leste Immersion2. Jesuit Province Immersion Timor (2 students)3. Kokoda
2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Camino Inigo Camp (compulsory)2. Indigenous Immersion Cape York	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SICG Timor Leste Immersion2. Indigenous Immersion Cape York3. Language trip Indonesia4. Language trip Italy5. Kokoda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SICG Timor Leste Immersion2. Jesuit Province Immersion Timor (2 students)3. Language trip Indonesia4. Language trip Italy5. Kokoda

2025 Cape York Immersions



Once again, St Ignatius College Geelong is giving students the chance to travel to the remote First Nations homelands of Cape York.

Students will have the rare opportunity to make real connections with First Nations People living on their own land who have maintained a deep connection to their culture and history. They will learn from Elders and Traditional Owners, and play with young First Nations children eager for a window to the outside world.

The group will stay in safe areas on privately held First Nations land, not accessible outside of this setting. They will learn, make, gather, eat, give, grow and connect with Traditional Owners and First Nations People.

“Our students will connect and learn from the custodians of the oldest surviving culture in the world.

They will give their time & passion, and bring back a rich understanding of First Nations People.”

*Contact person: SICG Staff
Member Attel Martschinke
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Cape York

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Group 1

Itineraries are subject to change. We provide a final itinerary a week before your immersion which considers factors such as weather, Homeland availability and road accesses which may have changed right before your travel. After receiving a final itinerary please know that changes during immersion can be common due to similar factors.

Homeland Spirit (9 days)

Day 1 - The Journey Begins

- Catch an early flight to Cairns, where your adventure kicks off with a sunrise in the sky
- After being met at the airport by our Red Earth Leaders you will travel on a scenic bus trip to Homeland 1 via Mount Malloy - a journey through ever changing landscapes
- Experience a warm Welcome to Country ceremony, hosted by locals excited to share their land with you
- Set up camp on country, letting nature's beauty and the inspiring lives of the locals be the backdrop for your memorable stay

Days 2 to 3: Homeland 1

- Warmly welcomed to country in this breathtaking ocean facing homeland where your hosts await your arrival to your home for the next three nights.
- Walk along the beach to see the incredible 'Rainbow Coloured Sands' with Elders and bring home your own jar of "Coloured Sands".
- Head off to find and learn about seasonal bush medicines and how they are still applied in the everyday.
- Enjoy a painting workshop with a local artist. Learn the traditional art of weaving and hear about the cultural significance of the spear, with an opportunity to have a go at throwing one.
- Learn to paint with sand and tell stories through this medium. Share dinners, stories and history with the community.
- Take time to sit around the fire and yarn with Traditional Owners, learning some language and hear stories about the history of the land the people, and the challenges.
- Nightly reflections on the immersion

Days 4 to 6: Transit to Homeland 2

- Pack up camp and say farewell to your hosts at Homeland 1
- Travel to your new homeland via the community of Hopevale/Wujal visiting the Local church(weekends)
- Hopevale Arts Centre/Wujal Arts centre and taking the opportunity to have a dip in the refreshing cool waters of Isabella Falls
- Traditional owners love to have students visit their family at Homeland 2 and to be able to share the myriad of activities at this beautiful homeland set right alongside a cooling creek

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- Spend the days making traditional artefacts like spears, along with Leatherwork, painting and weaving as some of the other possibilities
- Experience the local hike, learning about native bush tucker and medicinal plants with Traditional Owner's handmade worksheet.
- Learn the traditional cooking methods and make your own damper
- Build and cook in a traditional underground oven and enjoy the special feast of a Gurrma Collaborate with Community on a local project
- Enjoy stories around the campfire under vast open skies Refreshing daily swims in the nearby creek
- Nightly reflections on the immersion

Days 7-8 - Great Barrier Reef

- Travel south after your time on country for another adventure that awaits. We are further able to explore this amazing region on a full-day snorkelling tour on the UNESCO world heritage site that is the Great Barrier Reef. This incredible area will be brought further to life by your marine biologist and cultural guides who will accompany you on board
- Final reflection and debrief

Day 9 - Return Home

- Final farewells and fly home out of Cairns

COST AND DATES

Dates: Friday 19 September - Saturday 27 September 2025

Length: 9 days, 8 nights

Staff: 2 Red Earth staff, 2 School staff

\$5,342.00 per student cost to families

COST IS A APPROXIMATE FIGURE ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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Group 2

Itineraries are subject to change. We provide a final itinerary a week before your immersion which considers factors such as weather, Homeland availability and road accesses which may have changed right before your travel. After receiving a final itinerary please know that changes during immersion can be common due to similar factors.

Homeland & Explore

Day 1 - The Journey Begins

- Catch an early flight to Cairns, where your adventure kicks off with a sunrise in the sky
- After being met at the airport by our Red Earth Leaders you will travel on a scenic bus trip to Homeland via Mount Malloy - a journey through ever-changing landscapes
- Experience a warm Welcome to Country ceremony, hosted by locals excited to share their land with you
- Set up camp on country, letting nature's beauty and the inspiring lives of the locals be the backdrop for your memorable stay

Days 2-4 - Homeland

- Traditional Owners love to have students visit their family and to be able to share the myriad of activities at this beautiful homeland set right alongside a cooling creek
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Day 5 - Mossman Gorge enroute to Cairns

- Pack up camp and say goodbye to Traditional Owners and their family
- Travel to the Community of Hopevale and visit the church at a weekend or the Hopevale Arts Centre where you can meet local artists and view their work
- You are then on your way south heading towards the significant site of Mossman Gorge
- On arrival at the Gorge take time to explore the amazing scenery and rainforest of the area Cool off for a swim in the crystal-clear waters
- Return to Cairns and set up camp in your own camp in the rainforest with access to comfortable facilities and amenities for the next three nights

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Day 6 - Fitzroy Island

- Wake up early and take a bus to the Cairns Marina
- Take a boat ride to Fitzroy Island and spend the day with a marine biologist helping a Sea Turtle Rehabilitation program and snorkelling around the island
- Return to Cairns and camp for another evening in the rainforest

Day 7 - Dreamtime Reef Tour- Great Barrier Reef

- Spend the day on a boat tour to the Great Barrier Reef outer reef
 - Learn about the reef from Indigenous guide and a marine biologist
 - Enjoy the underwater magic of two unique snorkelling site on the Great Barrier
- Participate in a group reflection on the immersion

Day 8 - Return Home

- Pack up camp for the last time and say goodbye to your Red Earth leader
- Take a bus to the Cairns Airport ahead of your flight home

COST AND DATES

Dates: Friday 19 September - Friday 26 September 2025

Length: 8 days, 7 nights

Staff: 2 Red Earth staff, 2 School staff

\$5,064.00 per student cost to families

COST IS A APPROXIMATE FIGURE ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Parent Information Night (Zoom)

Tuesday 15th October 6pm-7pm

Parents will need to register via Humanitix

- zoom link for direct access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83922236469>

OTHER INFORMATION

A key aspect of our immersion is to enable Traditional Owners to make money on their land without losing their connection to Country. Traditional Owners tell their stories with pride and build meaningful connections with your group. This also makes Homelands more sustainable for future generations.

We supply three healthy meals a day plus snacks, as well as all of the equipment needed to make the immersion comfortable and safe.

The immersion will be lead by 2 qualified Red Earth staff and accompanied by 2 Saint Ignatius College Geelong staff.

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How do Elders and Traditional Owners feel about people coming onto their land? Will we be intruding?

We are an organisation driven by our Indigenous partners in the Homelands of remote Australia. Our mission is to give Indigenous people the help they need if they wish to welcome and open the hearts of young Australians to their country, culture, and way of life. We only make our resources available if we're asked to help. Traditional Owners are the ones that decide if and when people should come onto their land, not us.

What amenities are available? Will there be showers and bathrooms?

There are flushing or drop toilets everywhere we go. Most of our partner Homelands have shower facilities and swim spots which are perfect for scrubbing up, but you may have to go a few nights without. The amenities will be basic, but this is definitely not a bush survival camp so we will make sure you feel comfortable and safe.

What food will be available?

While there will be opportunities for the group to forage bush foods, there will be three fresh food deliveries throughout the immersion with a focus on big healthy meals. We cater for every kind of dietary requirement and expect students and staff to participate in the preparation of food.

Are there fundraising initiatives for the Homelands?

An important part of Red Earth's mission is to help create sustainable Homelands so that Traditional Owners can live on their ancestral land. Elders tell us their vision for their Homeland and the type of community investment and projects they would like help with, and students then fundraise towards this. Most schools raise between \$80-150 per student; ask your Immersion Leader for more information.

What is the pre-departure program like?

Red Earth takes its responsibility to ensure that each person attending an immersion gives, grows and leads very seriously. We design a pre-departure program tailored for your specific region and itinerary, and will meet with the group twice in the lead up to departure to ensure everyone is prepared for the journey ahead.

Will we be safe?

We take safety very seriously, and it informs every aspect of an immersion. You can read more about our approach to safety on our website at www.redearth.edu.au/safety/

Could there be variations to our itinerary?

Changes to your proposed itinerary and activities are likely and part of travelling to remote Indigenous communities. The availability of our partner Homelands may change for practical or cultural reasons, but conversations and personal connection with Traditional Owners and their families are at the heart of all Red Earth immersions. Our strong network of partner Homelands means we can guarantee an authentic experience with deep connections regardless of where your group travels to.

2025 Timor Leste



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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DAY 1

Melbourne to Dili via Darwin

- Departing Melbourne
- Arriving into Dili and heading to Timor Lodge for team building games, program briefing and our first meal in Timor-Leste.

DAY 2: Dili – Timor Historical Perspective

- Today we begin our journey in Timor Leste by visiting a partner Jesuit school in Kasait about 45 minutes from Dili. This is a great way to start the program to look at the work the Jesuits are doing abroad. Kasait is one of the newest schools in Timor that has been established by The Jesuits.
- Some of the fundraising we do at Saint Ignatius College Geelong, including Feast Day, is passed on to this Jesuit school in Kasait each year. We have had this relationship between the two schools for almost 15 years.
- Following this visit we'll have an extended orientation of Dili Township with our local Timorese guides including visits to historical sites, CRAZ prison museum (Chega) and Santa Cruz cemetery.
- Daily debrief then dinner at Timor Lodge.

2025 Timor Leste

DAY 3 - 9: Travel to Atauro Island (Dili to Atauro Island)

- Over the week, the program is focused on building relationships and the provision of needs-based support to the teachers and students at AHHA Education on Atauro Island. AHHA Education is a well respected and well-connected organisation in Timor-Leste and Saint Ignatius College will be given access to communities and activities that are not available to your everyday tourist/traveller.
- There has been a “sister-school” relationship between Saint Ignatius College Geelong and the Atauro Island school since our first Immersion to Timor in 2015.
- The group will stay at Barry’s Place, an eco-Friendly operated meals and accommodation provider on the island. Potential activities include: teaching English, playing sports, music, art and craft. Students will also be engaged in activities that provide them with an education in the history of the Timorese people and their land, including language lessons in Tetum.
- On Saturday, we explore the local produce markets and more of Beloi village. Here we learn further about the culture and community here on the island.
- On Sunday, we attend the local church service on the island and enjoy a day of rest with the community. Activities may include reflection, snorkelling, journaling and a beach walk.

DAY 9: Atauro Island to Dili - Timor Lodge

- We farewell new friends on Atauro after lunch before boarding the boat back to Barry’s Place.
- Depending on our arrival time into Dili, we may explore a coffee factory and the local market for souvenirs before returning to Timor Lodge for dinner

DAY 10: Dili

- We will spend the morning at the AHHA school in Becora, which is a great opportunity to compare the experience of students in different locations.
- We then enjoy lunch on the beach, before a walk to Cristo Rei and a relaxing reflection on the sand.

DAY 11: Dili to Melbourne via Darwin

- Departing Dili International Airport
- Arriving: Melbourne Airport

A remarkable opportunity to explore the rich Timorese culture and engage in a valuable community participation experience...

Note: Community-based programs require a degree of flexibility, so this schedule is subject to change due to local circumstances and is a guide only. Timor is no place to worry about time, but to go with the flow and engage with your partner community.

2025 Timor Leste

COST & DATES

Dates: Friday 19th September 2025 - 29th September 2025

Length: 11 days, 10 nights

Staff: 1 Destination Dreaming Lead, 2 school staff

Note: CURRENT Estimated Cost as at the time of publication of this Booklet: \$4,570.00
Per student based in 16 students + flights and insurance tbc

Indicative price only - flights not available for quoting until late November 2024

All-inclusive subject to deposits being paid.

OTHER INFORMATION

Program includes:

- Domestic and International airfares
- Travel insurance
- Entry visa and departure tax
- 10 nights' accommodation
- 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- All Timor transport
- All traditional owner payments, entry fees and permits
- Pre-program preparation, program planning, collaborative project design, risk management, first aid, communications, insurance and program administration
- Destination Dreaming Program Leader- experienced program facilitator and local support staff
- 2 x Saint Ignatius College staff members
- The experience of a lifetime!
- Our exclusive Travel Associate Mr David Hull from Travel Managers arranges comprehensive travel insurance, domestic and international airfares, all taxes.
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Partnership Overview

- The heart of this program is developing the College's relationship with the local community on Atauro Island. The partnership allows students to explore both urban and coastal environments in Timor Leste and to experience Timorese culture, language, food and land use.
- During this visit to Timor Leste, the focus for students will be upon connecting with young people at AHHA Education schools, learning about the local Timorese cultures, traditions and histories, and supporting English language learning. The group will again have the opportunity to engage with students at the Jesuit school in Kasait.
- In addition to engaging with students at the schools and immersing themselves in village life, students will explore beautiful Atauro Island, the Cultural Resistance Museum in Dili and learn about Australia's relationship with Timor Leste. Before leaving for Timor, Saint Ignatius students will be encouraged to raise awareness of the program within their own community.

2025 Timor Leste

Program Objectives:

- Increased understanding of, and appreciation for, different cultures, living conditions, languages and outlooks on life through immersion in a Timorese community
- Increased ability to engage responsibly in community activity through immersion in a Timorese community, support of English tutoring activities and engagement with AHHA Education schools
- Increased understanding of the world beyond school and development issues
- Increased understanding of community-driven development and varying models of aid being delivered in Timor Leste
- Increased awareness of one's rights and responsibilities as a global citizen
- Increased interpersonal capacity, self-awareness and critical thinking skills through challenging experiences in a remote environment
- Increased ability to be recognised when one's being challenged and persevere regardless
- Contribution to another community through skill-sharing, intercultural engagement and educational resources



2025 Kokoda



The aim of the Kokoda Expedition is to continue to develop and foster the special relationships between the parent/guardian and their child.

The trip will be open to year 10 & 11 students, accompanied by one of their parents/guardians (there will be guidelines around what constitutes a guardian). All adult participants will require a WWCC as stated in the Child Safe Standards.

Australia Kokoda Tours (operator):

- Provide a qualified registered Paramedic/Nurse
- 8 - week training program prior to trip
- all accommodation and track support provided (students/parents carry their own personal belongings)
- Min number required is 10 (5 students/ 5 parents/guardian)
- Flights included
- Food included
- 5-star accommodation at Port Moresby
- \$4950 p/p (\$9900 per family)
- Fees would need to be up-to-date as per other international immersions

***Australian Kokoda Tours are responsible for the wellbeing and safety of all participants.**

Time:

The expedition be run during the the first week of the Term 2 holidays. Students/guardians will depart on 4 July, 2025 (may change depending on flight availability). The 2025 expedition will operate for approx. 12 days.

2025 Kokoda



Overview

Arrive in Port Moresby and spend the night in a local 5 star hotel. Fly to Kokoda and walk the track from Kokoda to Owers Corner. Spend the night in Port Moresby then fly back to Australia.

DAY 1 Arrival Day

Your Australian guide meets you at the airport and conveys you to your hotel. This night involves a comprehensive trek briefing with your Australian guide whilst drinking a cold refreshment next to the hotel pool and then enjoying dinner at the delicious Airways restaurant.

DAY 2

Kokoda to Deniki - 3 hours trekking

We take a PNG flight from Port Moresby at approximately 7.30am to Kokoda airfield. Walk up to Kokoda village to meet the local villagers where you will be introduced to your local porters and support staff. Inspect the remarkable Kokoda museum, monuments and memorials. Lunch by the river at the beautiful Hoi village and then onto Deniki for dinner, enjoying the spectacular views over the Kokoda valley where you spend your first night on the track.

DAY 3

Deniki to Alola - 6 hours trekking

A highlight of today is spending time paying your respects at the Isurava war memorial. This memorial was opened in August 2002 to commemorate the incredible ultimate sacrifice made by courageous men such as Butch Bisset, John Metson and Bruce Kingsbury in the vicious four-day battle fought there. Lunch here then walk to Alola village to spend the night and enjoy the magnificent views down the valley.

DAY 4

Alola to Templetons One - 8 hours trekking

Trek down to Eora creek village with a fascinating inspection of Japanese trenches, ammunition, armoury and mountain gun site along the way. Lunch at Templeton's II. Overnight camping at Templeton's 1. Named in honour of Captain Sam Templeton revered by his men who lost his life fighting the Japanese north of Kokoda. Excellent campsite for a refreshing swim.



2025 Kokoda



DAY 5

Rest Day

DAY 6

Templetons 1 to Kagi - 8 hours trekking

Trek to Naduri via the Kokoda gap, ascending Mt Bellamy the highest point on the track. Onto the Myola 1 airfield and hospital site. Inspect the Myola ammunition dump still containing wartime Australian mortars, grenades and mines. Lunch here and then onto Naduri where we meet the last remaining Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel. After this we trek to the beautiful village of Kagi where our wonderful team of local porters originated. Here we enjoy a traditional village welcome and spend the night experiencing cultural village life on the track.

DAY 7

Kagi to Menari - 7 hours trekking

Today's highlight is trekking up Mission Ridge and Brigade Hill, scene of another famous ferocious battle. We have lunch at the monument on Brigade Hill and then start the big downhill trek for a refreshing swim in the river near the picturesque Menari.

DAY 8

Menari to Nauro - 6 hours

After leaving Menari and walking up a steep saddle the rest of the day is relatively easy with a swim and lunch at the brown river then up to some spectacular views at Nauro village campsite.

DAY 9

Nauro to Ua-Ule creek - 7 hours trekking

Today we trek over the Maguli Range, down to and across Ofi creek and then up the loribaiwa ridge, scene of more vicious fighting. We have lunch in view of the Kunai grass area which was the southernmost point of the Japanese advance on the Kokoda track. We then walk down to Ua-Ule creek rest house where we finish our day by having a refreshing swim in the beautiful rock pools.

DAY 10

Ua-Ule creek to Owers Corner - 6 hours trekking

After numerous river crossings we trek the long steep climb up Imita Ridge and then down the golden stairs to the Goldie River where we cool off with a swim. After this we climb a steep hill to our final destination, Owers Corner, where we walk shoulder to shoulder together under the famous Kokoda arch. At this location we have a well deserved delicious lunch with cold drinks and hot food whilst you reflect upon the last eight days. We then board a bus to the Bomana war cemetery where we pay homage to all those brave men who lost their lives on the track. We then travel back to our hotel in Port Moresby. Tonight we have a presentation dinner and celebration with our porters and support staff from our trek.

DAY 11 Departure Day

2025 Kokoda



COST & DATES

The expedition is approximately \$4950 and will be advertised at this price. Any reduction in costs due to fluctuations in air fares will be refunded.

The expedition be run during the the first week of the Term 2 holidays. Students/guardians will depart on 4 July, 2025 (may change depending on flight availability). The 2025 expedition will operate for approx. 12 days.

Precautions:

All participants will be required to have the necessary inoculations as well as carry and use antimalarial drugs.

All risks associated with walking the track will be covered by Australian Kokoda Tours.

All participants will be required to have travel insurance to pay for medical expenses and potential evacuation as well as the usual loss of property insurance.

A satellite phone, GPS, EPIRB and radio will be carried by Australian Kokoda Tours.

Participant requirements:

- Participants will be required to train, pass fitness tests and complete practice hikes.
- Gain an understanding of the History and background. Students/Parents will present along the track a specific soldiers story that has been provided prior to the Expedition.
- An expectation that parents/students will be involved in night time activities led by the College, including reflections etc.

For more information visit www.australiankokodatours.com.au

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2026 Indonesia Language Trip



Studying Indonesian in the classroom is great, but nothing beats the real thing. Consolidate your knowledge, gain valuable experience, speak with who knows how many real-life Indonesians, and when it comes to Year 12, get a competitive edge on everyone else in Victoria who isn't so lucky. You will be able to relate everything you do in class after you come back to the trip - it's the trip that keeps on giving!

When

Approximately 10 day tour
Leaving last 3 days of term 3, 2026.

Where

Previous itineraries have included Java and North Sumatra

How much?

Estimated cost approx \$4000

ESTIMATED COST INCLUDES...

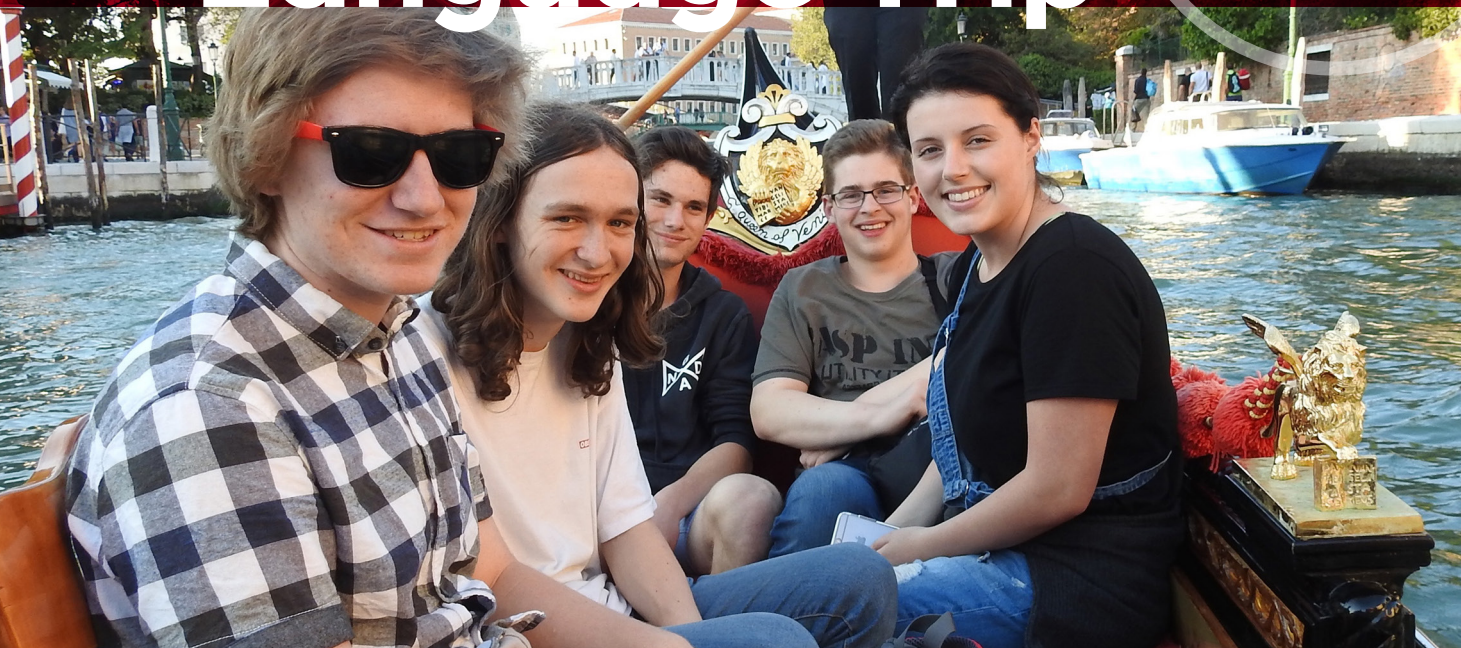
- Return airfares
- All accommodation
- All internal transport, local guides and entry fees
- Most meals
- Travel insurance
- Gull Bus
- Incredibly awesome tour shirt

ESTIMATED COST DOES NOT INCLUDE...

- Spending money
- Tips & donations
- Beverages
- Some lunches
- Pre-trip preparations, including obtaining passport and inoculations

Contact person: SICG Staff Member Julia Hall hallj@ignatius.vic.edu.au

2026 Italy Language Trip



What better way for you to develop your love of the Italian language, but to immerse yourself in the Italian culture?

In this overseas Language tour, you will have the opportunity to practice your speaking, listening and reading skills, see a vast range of locations and then be able to use these skills in class when you return. You will consolidate your knowledge and gain valuable experience, whilst learning about the history and culture of Italy.

When

Approximately 14 day tour
Leaving last 3 days of term 3, 2026.

Where

Previous itineraries have included Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Florence, Venice and Siena.

How much?

Estimated cost approx \$10,000

ESTIMATED COST INCLUDES...

- Return airfares
- All accommodation
- All internal transport, local guides, city taxes and entry fees
- Most meals – Breakfast and dinner
- Travel insurance
- Gull Bus
- Tour T-shirt

ESTIMATED COST DOES NOT INCLUDE...

- Spending money
- Tips and donations
- Beverages
- Lunches
- Pre-Trip preparations, including passport and inoculations

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