



## 2018 VIETNAM AND BETHANY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are delighted to offer your daughter the opportunity to participate in the Methodist Ladies' College Vietnam and Bethany Home (Malaysia) International Service Learning Trips for 2018. This is an opportunity for up to 36 students (26 to Vietnam and 10 to Bethany Home) to be of service in another part of the world. Please refer to the 2018 presentation, also located under trips and tours in the Wyvern, for further details.

The application pack for these exciting service learning opportunities is outlined below, it is timely to remind you that your daughter should complete this application as independently as possible. This part of the process is important for students to demonstrate their level of commitment to participating in this sought after learning experience. It is important too that I reiterate that students who have already participated in the 2017 Elephant Conservation trip are not eligible to apply for the Bethany Home and Vietnam Service Learning Trips in 2018. This ensures as many students as possible benefit from these incredible service learning experiences.

### **2018 Travel Dates (To be Confirmed)**

Vietnam 27 June- 09 July 2018

Bethany Home (Malaysia) 24 June-9 July 2018

### **APPLICATION PACK**

(The application and deposit payment forms must be submitted by students to Rev. Wilson no later than Friday 26 May 2017)

- Application Form (To be completed by student)
- Deposit Payment Form (To be completed by parent/guardian)
- 2 x Staff Reference Forms (To be initiated by student. Teachers will return the reference forms directly to Rev. Hollis Wilson prior to 26 May 2017)

### **Medical Information and Vaccinations**

As we already have your daughter's medical details on file at the College we will send you an update form to provide relevant medical information closer to the trip's departure date.

If your daughter is selected, please check with your doctor regarding required vaccinations for Vietnam or Malaysia. Vaccinations are **highly recommended** for travel to Vietnam.

### **Insurance**

Travel insurance for your daughter is included in the trip cost. We are also pleased to advise that the Vietnam and Malaysia Service Learning Trips will be supported by International SOS, an organisation that provides 24/7 assistance with medical, security and logistical matters while the group is away. In conjunction with the ongoing involvement of staff at the College, this gives each group immediate access to qualified, experienced assistance in managing any issues that may arise.

### **Passports**

All students must have a valid and up to date full passport for travel to Asia. For travel to Vietnam and Malaysia all passports must have a 6 month validity from the date of arrival into that country.

### **Costing**

The final cost of the tour, excluding personal spending money, is approximately **\$3,700** for Vietnam and **\$3,000** for Bethany Home (based on 2017). This amount will be finalised as soon as possible. It will cover accommodation, meals, airfare, travel insurance, taxes, excursions, coach transport and tour guide hire.

### **Spending Money**

Students will only need money for souvenirs and other sightseeing activities that are not included in the itinerary.

We very much look forward to receiving your daughter's application.

Yours sincerely,

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