



Cambodia Immersion – Year 11 2026

CULTURAL SERVICE IMMERSION | 26 SEPTEMBER – 6 OCTOBER 2026

Students in Year 10 are invited to apply for the Cambodia Cultural Service Immersion for 2026. This 11-day immersion to Cambodia blends cultural immersion, service learning and adventure for a truly life changing experience.

ABOUT

The college is partnering with World Expeditions Schools to provide up to 25 students in Year 11 with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a cultural and service immersion to Cambodia. Students will explore Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, visit ancient temples, join a wildlife conservation program and experience local life through cooking classes and market visits. The journey culminates in a meaningful community service project, helping build a house for a remote village in need. Over five days, students will work as a team to build a house to completion with the assistance of community members and see a family move into the residence.

To support and prepare students for this experience, the immersion will be embedded within the Religious Education curriculum. All participating students will be placed in this dedicated Religious Education class for the semester, taught by a staff member attending the immersion. This class will focus on learning about Cambodia's faith traditions, language, etiquette and cultural context, ensuring students are well-prepared for their time abroad.

DETAILS

Date: 26 September to 6 October 2026

Departure: Students will travel from Bendigo to Melbourne Airport as a group in the College Bus.

Arrival: Students are required to be picked up from Melbourne airport by a family member.

Travel: All participants will travel on a full-service plane, flying directly to Phnom Penh from Melbourne Airport.

Trip Duration: 11 days

Location: Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Accommodation: Accommodation in comfortable well-located hotels with private facilities.

COST

The cost of the immersion is approx. 4,690 per person. This includes:

- Fully service flights from Melbourne
- Travel Insurance through Catherine McAuley College
- Transport in private vehicles
- All accommodation
- Expert local guides
- All Meals during itinerary
- All activities and sightseeing entry fees
- Free the Bears keeper for a day program

Families are required to pay \$500 deposit to secure the registration. Once registered families can pay up front or pay in instalments. Full payment of the immersion is required 90 days prior to departure.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Sleng Museum and Killing Fields
- Free the Bear 'Keeper for a Day' Conservation Program
- Night Markets
- Skuon Village
- Phare Circus
- Cultural Cooking Class
- Cycle around the Temples of Angkor Wat
- Bantey Srei Temple and Preah Dak Village
- Cultural performance and dinner
- House Building Project

APPLICATIONS

Applications are available from the Year Level Coordinators Office. All Applications are required to be handwritten and include a teacher endorsement.

- Applications open from Tuesday 16 September
- Applications close on Friday 10 October

Students are required to return their completed application to the General Office by the deadline.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Cara Pawsey:
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