



# Kakadu Immersion – Year 9 2026

CULTURAL SERVICE IMMERSION | 24 JUNE – 02 JULY 2026

*Students in Year 8 are invited to apply for the Kakadu Cultural Service Immersion for 2026. This immersion experience combines cultural learnings and community service with an exploration of Kakadu National Park.*

## ABOUT

The college is partnering with World Expeditions Schools to provide 17 students in Year 9 with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a cultural and service immersion to Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory. Whilst on the immersion, students will join a local indigenous community where students will learn about the local peoples and ancient culture that has lived in harmony with the land for thousands of years. The immersion will include a series of 'on country' expeditions, where students will embrace sleeping in semi-permanent tents and trekking to breathtaking rock pools and waterfalls. The immersion will be led by two college staff members and two trained staff members from World Expedition Schools. This journey promises to be enriching and deeply meaningful.

## DETAILS

**Date:** 24 June to 2 July 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 Darwin from Melbourne Airport.

**Trip Duration:** 8 days

**Location:** Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Accommodation will be provided when in Darwin. Followed by six nights' accommodation in the wildness and semi-permanent camps.

## COST

The cost of the immersion is approx. 5,490 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
- Local Indigenous Immersion 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

- Welcome to country
- Stay in Pudukul country on Wulna Land and in exclusive semi-permanent campsites away from the crowds.
- Service program with the local community
- Sunset cruise on the Yellow Water billabong, home to a variety of wildlife.
- View some of the most important indigenous rock art galleries in the world.
- Southern Kakadu expedition trek
- Explore Darwin and surrounds.
- Jim Jim Falls, Escarpment and Rock Pool Walk
- Barramundi Falls
- Ubirr Rock ART
- Warragjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre

## 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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