



Solomon Islands Mission Trip - July 2019

Opportunity for people to indicate an interest in experiencing this amazing trip!

Dear Staff and Students

We are going to the Solomon Islands next year to share our skills with our brothers and sisters in the Solomon's - but to also build relationships between schools.

The main focus of this trip will be running "coaching camps" to share our skills in a number of sports including soccer, netball and basketball.

We are also open to ideas of others coming along to share specific skills in other areas such as music or art and build relationships with the intention of sending teams back to the Solomon Islands in future years.

I lived in the Solomon Islands for 2 years with my husband and young children when we were volunteers with Australian Volunteers International (30 years ago).

It is an amazing country with beautiful people who love the Lord.

We can learn much from them, but we are also in the position to share skills and much teaching on Christian Education. I have had the wonderful opportunity to lead mission trips there in my last school and with New Hope International. I have also visited a few times over the last 15 years to train teachers and school leaders.



St Andrews Christian College Mission 2019

We will first be based in Honiara (the capital) on Guadalcanal for the first part of the trip and then fly up to Munda in the Western Province where everyone will have some real island experience.

This is a trip for people who want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and with others and be willing to step out and allow God to use them - even and especially if they don't feel qualified enough or experienced. That is when you actually rely on God and His power - not your own skills.

Who can go?

Maximum of 15 people

- People who want to grow the mission program at St Andrews Christian College
- Students in Years 9 - 12 in 2019
- Staff
- Will consider parents if not enough staff able to attend

Expectations:

It is expected that participants will be:

- Committed Christians who are prepared to share their personal testimony
- Willing and able to be fully involved as part of a ministry team, supporting and working harmoniously with other members of the team
- Prepared to undertake an orientation program, consisting of reading, but involving a number of team meeting and training sessions
- Flexible (things often don't go to plan in developing countries) and able to cope with heat and long days
- Prepared to have a go at doing things they have never tried before
- Willing to be involved in post-trip debriefing and sharing of experiences with others;
- Provide own finances
- Be prepared to lead devotions on one day on the trip
- Find prayer support of at least 12 people and have support of own church (spiritually)

Dates:

- **Wednesday 26th June to Sunday 7th July 2019 (inclusive)**
This is the last 3 days of Term 2 and the first week of the holidays

Approximate costs:

- \$2700
- Plus passport, medical costs and insurance

Part Scholarships can be organised for students who are not able to raise all the funds for particular reasons and who will definitely contribute to the ongoing of Mission at St Andrews.

What are we doing?

- Sharing skills (sports/creative arts skills)
- Learning about the culture of the Solomon Islands
- Sharing our faith
- Building relationships and being encouraged by the faith of our friends in the Solomon's.
- Taking over some resources (such as sporting gear)

Itinerary:

26th June

- Fly to Brisbane and then on to Honiara
- Settling into guesthouse in Honiara.

27th June

- Go to the markets to buy local foods for meals.
- Day 1 of coaching camp at Florence Young Christian School in Honiara

28th June

- Day 2 of coaching camp at Florence Young Christian School
- Youth Group at night?

29th June

- Cultural day at Florence Young/ carnival?
- Sightseeing around Honiara

30th June

- Church
- Visit to a beach/trip?

1st July

- Travel to Munda in the Western Province in the Solomon Islands
- Settle into guesthouse in Munda

2nd July

- Day 1 of coaching camp

3rd July

- Day 2 of coaching camp

4th July

- Day 3 of coaching camp/ tournament/carnival

5th July

- Cultural day and excursions

6th July

- Travel back home via Honiara, Brisbane to Melbourne

Application Process:

- Step 1:** Submit an Indication of Interest Form by **Friday 21st September, 2018** to Mrs Dekker
- Step 2:** Information Night for all interested on **Thursday 8th November, 2018**
- Step 3:** Application Forms due **Monday 12th November, 2018**
- Step 4:** Interviews undertaken to be part of the mission team
- Step 5:** Deposit due **Monday 19th November, 2018**
- Step 6:** Training and team meetings begin **Tuesday 27th November, 2018**
- Step 7:** Final deposit for trip

Teachers in charge:

- Mr Andrew Farmer will be coordinating the training programs in the Solomon's and coaching students at St Andrews Christian College in 'coaching skills'.
- Mrs Catriona Wansbrough will be the organiser of the trip.

What's next?

Talk to Mr Farmer or Mrs Wansbrough and pray about joining this wonderful journey.

If you are interested please submit the below form to Mrs Dekker to indicate your interest by Friday 21st September, 2018.

Start saving!

Many blessings,

Mrs Wansbrough

Indication of Interest Form for Solomon Islands Mission Trip 2019

Name: _____

Current Class/year: _____

Birthdate: _____

What church do you attend? _____

Do you have any health concerns? _____

Why do you want to go to the Solomon Islands?

Are you able to raise the funds to go? _____

Signed: _____
(Student)

Signed: _____
(Parent/ Guardian)

Date: ____/____/2018