



## MAKE DIFFERENCE IN VANUATU!

### A SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY FOR YEARS 10 AND 11 IN THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS THIS IS ALSO A DUKE OF EDINBURGH OPPORTUNITY

Dear Parents,

The inaugural Vanuatu Service Trip was held in 2015 and we are developing the partnership with the School at Malecula a high school. The need is great in this collection of Pacific Islands, literacy levels are low and facilities are poor.

- Do you want your son to complete your Service Learning hours in another country?
- Do you want him to experience what it is like to live in a village on a Pacific Island?
- Would you like your son to go to school with a boy his age and support this boy in an island school?
- Would you like your son to learn how to make traditional food and artefacts?
- Give your son the opportunity to help local students who struggle with English as a second language, have few books to read and yet have to sit exams in English- and this determines if they can move on to the equivalent of our Stage 6 ( so of course many do not and have to leave school)?
- Your son will want to really make a difference and have an experience in leadership.
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Following the Vanuatu visit last year we will participate in:

- Teacher training for the local teachers; you will be buddied in and out of the classroom with local boys;
- A training afternoon will be held at Knox about living in a village
- Learn about life and issues in a developing country

Our most recent partnership is with the people of Vanuatu and their Vanuatu Literacy School Partnerships Program. This **Knox Service Trip to Vanuatu is on 23 September - 29 September 2017**

We are delighted that the South West Bay community in Vanuatu are ready to facilitate our visit and need our support! Years 10 and 11 boys can support the people of Vanuatu, have an amazing life changing experience and fulfil their Service Learning and Social Justice experience! This is perfect service opportunity for Duke of Edinburgh.

Attached is the permission note, which outlines information about the Vanuatu Trip. To reserve your son's position on this trip, could you please complete the permission slip and **return with a copy of the medical form and a copy of your son's passport which must have a minimum of 6 months before expiry**

**A portal will be set of for payments**

Also attached is a number of other forms that require completion,

1. Medical Information and Consent Form
2. Swimming and Home Stay Consent Letter

Could you please ensure that you complete these forms and return them with the permission slip and medical form? A deposit of \$1500 will need to be made to book flights (international and internal flights)? Internal flights are only available twice per week so they book out quickly and increase in costs as each week passes.

Activities will include visiting cultural, historical and Australian relationship in Vanuatu and along with each student participating in the daily activities of the school and the neighbouring village life directly alongside the members of locals and the children in the school. In addition to this, they will participate in range of sporting activities with the local communities, mostly children (incl. swimming, cricket, touch football and hiking); spend a day at the local School and experience a one night Home Stay with a family in South West Bay-subject to the weather.

**The Proposed dates are as follows;**

Departure Date: Saturday 23 September  
Return Date: Friday 29 September

**Important details**

Total Cost: Approximately \$3500 ( to be confirmed when we receive final details from the South West Bay School  
NOTE: This figure is based on 8 -10 students and two staff. This includes travel insurance and all accommodation, both international and internal flights, meals etc.

10 Deposit: \$1650 In order to book flights and accommodation

Additional Costs: Students will be responsible for the cost of their;  
All necessary inoculations (see your doctor)  
Thank you gifts for villagers and the South West Bay school

PLEASE NOTE VISAS - Vanuatu Visas are NOT required for visits of under 30 days. <https://vanuatu.visahq.com.au/>

Fundraising: Each student is expected to fund raise \$300 which will be used to support local school and health facilities. We will meet and support the boys with this with ideas etc.

### **Participants will undertake the following prior to the trip;**

- A cultural training afternoon at Knox Grammar School in August. The training day will occur in the afternoon and conclude with a meal together.
- Ensure they have a passport with at least **6 months before expiry** (Vanuatu requirement) Passport numbers are required to book flights
- Complete the necessary documentation required (attached), including i) Coloured photocopy of your son's passport, ii) Medical Form, iii) Swim Form and iv) Uniting World Code of Conduct.
- Please note that all school fees etc. must be up to date for your son to participate.

### **Medical**

Participants **MUST** visit their local Doctor by the end of July and ensure that all medications and inoculations that are recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) are prescribed and taken as directed by your Doctor over the course of Term 2 This regime **MUST** include antimalarial medication, Hep A, Hep B, tetanus and other inoculations as directed by your doctor.

For further information, see;

- The Travel Doctor <http://www.traveldoctor.co.uk/vaccines.htm>
- World Health Organisation <http://www.who.int/ith/en/>

It is expected that your son will be an exemplary ambassador for Knox at all times during the Trip and follow the directives of both Knox and Uniting World staff and other professionals and providers. Please be aware that it is a requirement that school fees are fully paid for your son to participate in this trip.

Thank you for your support of this opportunity for your son to be involved and to serve the people of Vanuatu.

With best wishes

**Mrs Helen Clarke, Mr Inwood and Mrs Ghebranius**

Head of WLF and Social Justice

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# PERMISSION NOTE FOR VANUATU

Knox staff members will be both will be present with the Knox boys at all times throughout the trip. Mrs Megan Calcaterra Educational Development Officer from Uniting World will organise a support link person at Uniting World during the trip.

My son will sign a contract regarding his participation in the trip, which outlines all aspects of duty of care, obligations and behaviour for the duration of the trip. I understand the deposit will be **posted on the school portal** when the portal is available. Medical forms etc. must be returned with this slip.

**(Portal name will be VANUATU).**

Please return this forms to Mrs Clarke (in Room 15)  
The deposit can be made **on the Knox portal under Vanuatu Trip soon**.  
**Please return these forms to book your place**

I give permission for my son

**GIVEN NAME**

**SURNAME**

**YEAR GROUP**

To attend The Vanuatu SJ Trip **23 September - 29 September 2017**. Payments will be made on the school portal. My son will also attend the training afternoon with a parent.

**SIGNATURE**

**PARENT NAME**

**DATE**

**IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Parent Address: .....

Parent Email: .....

Parent mobile: .....

Parent Signature: .....