



Dear Parent / Guardian,

## **2019 Jesuit and Companion Schools Timor Leste Immersion Experience**

We are pleased to offer your child an opportunity to join the JACSA Immersion experience to Timor Leste.

Each year a group of sixteen students from across the Jesuit and Jesuit Companion Schools network travel to Timor Leste with three Australian teachers and spend about ten days working and travelling with Jesuit Ministries established in Dili, Kasait and Railaco.

Students participating in the JACSA Immersion must be open to new experiences, eager to learn more about other cultures, have an interest in social justice and a willingness to engage in activities such as singing, playing sport and teaching. Students on a JACSA Immersion must fully participate in Ignatian prayer and reflection, as these are central to the experience.

Immersion participants will be doing a lot of walking (one of the places they stay involves a climb of about 100 steps to reach their accommodation.) Participants should have a good level of general health & mobility. Unfortunately, applications cannot be accepted from any students with anaphylaxis due to the risks associated with the remote location.

Students representing Xavier Catholic College on this immersion with our companion schools would also need to meet the highest standards in behaviour and be fully supportive of Jesuit Education and our College Mission.

The JACSA immersion has been scheduled to work best with the Jesuit communities in Timor Leste and school holidays from four Australian states.

**Cost:** Students from Xavier Catholic College attending the JACSA Immersion will be asked to contribute **\$3,500**. They will also need to purchase their own travel insurance as well as meeting the costs of acquiring a passport and any vaccinations, anti-malarial medication etc. that your medical practitioner advises. These add-ons may represent an additional **\$500** of out of pocket expenses.

**Dates:** Formation Weekend in Sydney (St Ignatius College Riverview) 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Immersion dates Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (last two weeks of Term 2)

**Deposit:** **\$500** Payable to Xavier Catholic College by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018

To accept this offer, please return the attached permission slip before Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Yours sincerely

David Eyles  
Leader of School Evangelisation

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Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

House: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student would like to represent Xavier Catholic College on the 2019 Jesuit Schools' Immersion to Timor Leste.

Please tick the following as applicable;

- I/we understand the costs involved – including a deposit of \$500 payable by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- I/we have carefully noted the dates of the formation weekend and the dates of the Immersion.
- I meet the general health and mobility requirements of this immersion experience.
- I/we understand that participants on the JACSA Immersion will need to be an exemplary representative of our College and be open to the spiritual/religious dimension of the immersion experience.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_