



Indonesia Study Tour 2025

Friday, 26th September – Thursday, 2nd October 2025



Salam!

We are excited here at Mother Teresa Catholic College to offer our students the opportunity to travel to Indonesia as part of the inaugural Indonesia Study Tour in 2025.

Over 7 days, students will explore the amazing food, enriching culture, and beautiful landscapes of Indonesia, immersing themselves in the unique traditions of the diverse nation. Students will be provided with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage with local Indonesian communities, visit traditional temples and connect with students at a local school.

The tour aims to immerse students in the Indonesian culture through visits to Ubud farms and markets, a tour of the sacred Hindu site Tirta Empul and participation in a local school day in Denpasar, working side-by-side with Indonesian students. Whilst education and immersion are high on the agenda, the tour will be full of fun and excitement for the students with a visit to Bali Safari and Marine Park, hands-on cultural workshops, a bike tour through the Balinese countryside and the tour concluding with a day at the famous Waterbom Bali Park ensuring lifelong memories for staff and students together.

This incredible tour will help foster respect and appreciation for the people, language, traditions and culture of Indonesia, allowing our students to experience first-hand the differences and similarities to our lifestyle here in Australia.

This tour is open to all students in Years 9 – 11 in 2025 who will be studying Indonesian at MTCC. Students who are not studying Indonesian but have a strong interest in learning a different culture and Christian Service Learning are welcome to apply.



Thomas Ryan
Team Leader, English, Humanities and Languages



Why Indonesia Study Tour?

It CHALLENGEs students to:

- **Immerse themselves in a different culture.** Indonesia is a diverse and culturally rich country, with hundreds of different ethnic groups. Being immersed in Indonesian traditions, languages and daily life promotes empathy and understanding of various cultural backgrounds, thus nurturing mutual respect, and reinforcing inclusivity.
- **Enhance their Indonesian language skills.** Engaging with locals and using basic phrases in Bahasa Indonesia can help students improve their language skills and enhance their ability to communicate across language barriers.
- **Think critically.** Experiencing a new culture challenges students to think critically and adapt to unfamiliar situations.
- **Be independent and resilient.** Traveling to a foreign country requires adaptability and resilience. Students will likely encounter unforeseen challenges, such as language barriers or cultural differences. Overcoming these challenges can boost their self-confidence and independence.
- **Sharpen their teamwork and collaborative skills.** Travelling and spending time with other students (some of whom they may have never worked together before) fosters teamwork and collaboration skills. Students will learn to navigate interpersonal dynamics and develop strategies for effective group communication.

It provides opportunities for students to CONNECT:

- **Peer interaction.** During the tour, students collaborate on tasks, share experiences, and bond over the shared journey. These interactions foster new friendships and strengthen existing ones.
- **Cross-cultural exchange.** Students share their own cultural practices, beliefs, and perspectives while learning about those of the Indonesians. This exchange promotes mutual understanding, breaks down stereotypes, and fosters a sense of global community.
- **Global perspectives.** Engaging with Indonesia's diverse culture and society can help students see the world from different perspectives. As they learn about local lives, challenges, and achievements, they become more empathetic and understanding global citizens.
- **Online Engagement.** In today's digital age, students can continue to build on the friendships they have made with Indonesian students after the tour ends. Social media, email, and other online platforms enable ongoing communication, allowing

them to maintain relationships and to work on future collaborations that contribute to the enrichment of both communities.

Students have opportunities to **CONTRIBUTE** by:

- **Engaging in Christian Service Learning.** By participating in CSL activities, students actively contribute to the Indonesian community during the tour. This will help students develop a sense of responsibility and empathy, inspiring them to seek out similar service opportunities when they return to Australia.
- **increased cultural awareness and sensitivity.** Through the study tour, students gain a deeper understanding of Indonesian culture, traditions, and customs. This increased cultural awareness can lead to a more inclusive and accepting school community, where students appreciate and respect the diversity of their peers.
- **Sharing Knowledge and Experience.:** Upon returning from the study tour, students can share their newfound knowledge and experiences with the school community, promoting cross-cultural learning within the College.
- **Promoting Global Citizenship.** Exposure to the diverse culture of Indonesia encourages students to think beyond their own community and embrace a sense of global citizenship. They become more aware of the interconnectedness of the world and the impact of their actions on a global scale.
- **Promoting Indonesian Culture and Language.** After the study tour, students may share their experience and improved knowledge of Indonesian culture and language within the school community. This can inspire others to continue studying Indonesian and participate in future study tours.



Cost and Payment Plan

The estimated cost for the tour is \$3,890; which may be less with more students participating in the tour. A minimum number of students is required for the tour to be feasible.

This cost is **inclusive** of:

- Return flights Perth – Denpasar
- Visa on arrival and visitor tax
- Airport transfers and in-country transportation
- Hotel accommodation in Ubud and Seminyak
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Guided tours, cultural workshops, school immersion, cultural and Christian Service-Learning activities
- Travel insurance*

**Please note that additional fees may be incurred in the event of an increase in travel insurance cost.*

This cost does **not** include:

- Personal spending money

Payment Schedule

The deposit and incremental payments are due as per the following Payment Schedule. All payments must be received on or before the due date. No extensions will be permitted. The college is paying suppliers therefore no refunds will be paid where indicated.

Date	Amount	Item
29 th August 2024	\$1,000	Non-refundable deposit
6 th November 2024	\$800	Instalment 1
29 th January 2025	\$800	Instalment 2
26 th March 2025	\$800	Instalment 3
28 th May 2025	\$490	Final Instalment
TOTAL PAYABLE	\$3,890	



Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 – Selamat Datang di Indonesia!

Depart Perth for Denpasar, Indonesia. Upon arrival, meet your tour director and travel to the enchanting city of Ubud. Check into your accommodation and indulge in a delectable welcome dinner, immersing yourself in authentic flavors of Indonesia! Have a rest and get ready for your adventure!

Day 2 – Exploring Ubud

Kick off your day with a scenic bike tour through Bali's serene countryside, immersing yourself in the daily life of the locals. Refuel with a delicious lunch before getting hands-on with a silver making workshop. In the afternoon, delve into central Ubud, exploring cultural landmarks like the Ubud Palace and temple. Sharpen your bargaining skills at the vibrant Ubud traditional market for an authentic Indonesian experience.

Day 3 – Cultural Immersion

Participate in a cooking workshop, which include shopping for the ingredients at the local market. Visit Tirta Empul, a significant Hindu Balinese water temple founded in 926 AD and one of the main holy water sources used in Balinese ceremonies, to learn more about the fascinating religious beliefs and rituals. Then to Tegallalang, which is famous for its beautiful scenes of rice paddies.

Checking in at accommodation in Seminyak.



Day 4 – School Immersion and more...

Immerse yourself in an Indonesian school and experience school life in Indonesia. Participate in a variety of classes and make the most of the opportunity to practice your Indonesian language skills. Engage in Christian Service-Learning activities at the school and connect with Indonesian students.

When school finishes, make your way to Uluwatu to explore the Garuda Wisnu Kencana Cultural Park and watch the magnificent Kecak Dance. Have dinner by the beach at Jimbaran Bay before heading back to accommodation.

Day 5 – School Immersion and more...

Another exciting day to continue building lifelong connection with Indonesian students.

After school finishes, leave for Bali Safari and Marine Park, where you will encounter selected exotic and endemic Indonesian animals in their lush tropical environment, including rare and endangered species, such as Komodo dragons, orangutans, Sumatran elephants and more!

Experience the laid-back vibe of the coastal village of Sanur, where we will have dinner and a quick stopover before heading back to accommodation.

Day 6 – Time to give back

Visit Bali Street Kids Foundation and engage in Christian community service. Experience the joy of helping others and applying faith through practical actions.

It's time to wrap up the tour! Celebrate the completion of the tour at the Waterbom Park, which is then followed by closing dinner. Share your highlights of the trip and together cherish the lifelong memories that we have created together.

Day 7 – Sampai jumpa, Indonesia!

As our tour concludes, time to say 'Sampai Jumpa'. Cherish the friendships made and the amazing adventures shared. *Terima kasih*, Indonesia – until we meet again! 🇮🇩



How to Apply

1. Complete the online application form by **22nd August 2024**.
2. Once your application has been received and confirmed, you will receive a confirmation email and be required to pay a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit by **29th August 2024**.
3. Please note that a place is not guaranteed until your application is formally accepted by the College and the deposit is paid.
4. **Contact**

For further information about the tour, please contact:

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2025 Indonesia Study Tour Application Form



