



Indonesia Study Tour 2024

Friday, 20th September – Thursday, 26th September 2024





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 2024.

Over 6 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 Zoo, 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 students in Years 9 – 11 in 2024 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 \$4,500; which may be less with more students participating in the tour. A minimum of 13 students are required for the tour to be feasible.

This cost is **inclusive** of:

- Return flights Perth – Denpasar
- Airport transfers and in-country transportation
- Hotel accommodation in Ubud and Sanur
- Daily breakfast and dinner, and some lunches
- Guided tours, school immersion, cultural and Christian Service-Learning activities

This cost does **not** include:

- Travel Insurance
- Visa
- 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
30/11/2023	\$1,000	Non-refundable deposit
24/01/2024	\$875	Instalment 1
13/03/2024	\$875	Instalment 2
24/04/2024	\$875	Instalment 3
05/06/2024	\$875	Final Instalment 4
	\$4,500	TOTAL



Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 – Selamat Datang di Indonesia!

Meet at the College for airport transfer for your flight to Denpasar, Indonesia.
Meet your tour director, travel to Ubud and check into the hotel.
Welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Ubud

Bike tour – Enjoy the quiet picturesque countryside of Bali and witness first-hand the daily life of farmers and craftsmen in Ubud.
Guided tour to explore Central Ubud – explore the town centre of Ubud, visiting the Ubud Palace, Ubud traditional market and temples.
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

Day 3 – Ubud – Sanur

Guided Tour – Bali Zoo, Tirta Empul, Tegallalang, Sanur – Learn the behaviour of over 500 rare and exotic animals in a lush, tropical environment and participate in fascinating animal adventure activities, some of which are unique experiences of their kind in Indonesia. 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, then to Tegallalang, which is famous for its beautiful scenes of rice paddies.
Travel to Sanur.
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)



Day 4 – Sanur, Denpasar

School Visit – Denpasar – 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.

Guided tour to explore Sanur.

(Breakfast and dinner included)

Day 5 – Sanur, Denpasar

Day 2 of School Visit – Denpasar

Guided tour to explore Denpasar.

Kecak Dance Performance – Kecak is a Balinese dance and musical drama developed in the 1930s and narrates the story of Asia’s most famous epic Ramayana. It is a story that has become part of cultural life and religious and moral teachings.

(Breakfast and dinner included)

Day 6 – Sanur, Denpasar

Christian Service Learning - Engage in community service with Christian values, helping others, fostering compassion, and applying faith through practical actions.

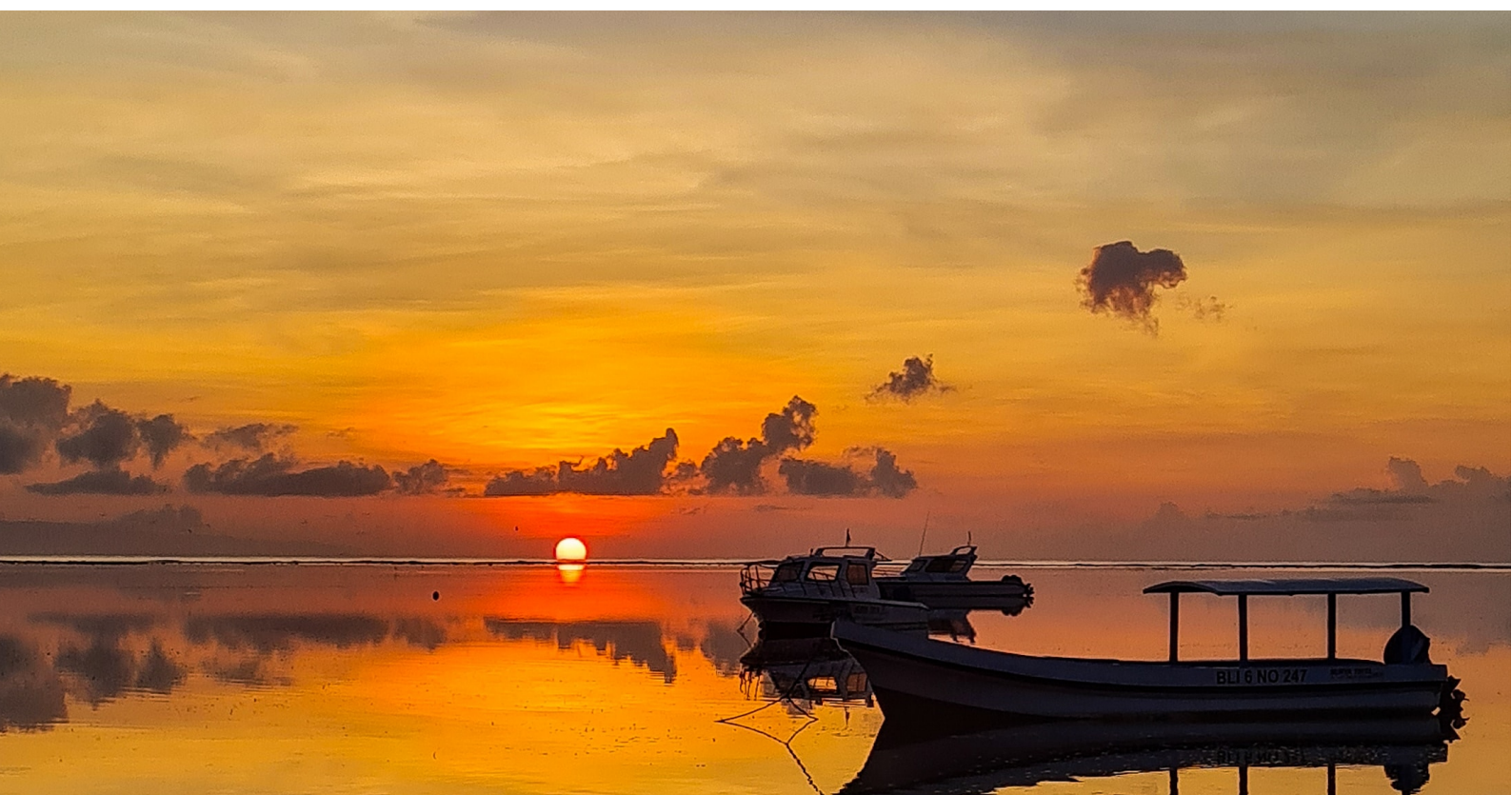
Waterbom Bali Park – It’s time for a thrilling adventure before heading home!

Waterbom Park is home to 16 different waterslides, from gentle rides like the Lazy River to some more thrilling ones, there’s something here for everyone!

Closing Dinner

Day 7 – Fly Home

Say ‘*Sampai Jumpa*’ and depart on your flight home.



How to Apply

1. Complete and return the application form to Mr Thomas Ryan (E8 Office) or Ibu Wijayanti by **27th November 2023**.
2. Once your application has been received, it will be assessed by Core Leadership. If accepted, you will receive a confirmation email and be required to pay a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit.
3. Receipt of deposit will be required by **31st November 2023** for inclusion in the 2024 MTCC Indonesia Study Tour.
4. Please note that a place is not guaranteed until your application is reviewed and formally accepted by the College and the deposit is paid.
5. Contact
For further information about the tour, please contact: Mr Thomas Ryan, Team Leader English, Humanities and Languages, at thomas.ryan@cewa.edu.au



