



# Cultural Immersion Parent Handbook

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## ***Cultural Immersion***



Our motto at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs is to 'Live Fully Act Justly' and our vision is to provide our students with every opportunity to succeed in life. Through our Cultural Immersion Program, our students are given the chance to travel interstate and overseas and immerse themselves in the language and culture of diverse countries across the world.

Each Cultural Immersion Tour links closely to our College Pillars of Learning, Compassion, Stewardship and Prayer.

## ***Cultural Immersion Tours Overview***



Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs currently offers the following Cultural Immersion opportunities to our students:

- 1. Italy Tour***
- 2. STEM with NASA Tour (America)***
- 3. Kokoda Trail***
- 4. The Central Australia Trip***
- 5. Japan Tour***
- 6. Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)***
- 7. Ignite Youth Festival***

## ***Italy Tour***



### **Overview:**

The Italy tour is an opportunity for students to explore Italian language and culture. Students will participate in a one-week homestay experience in Ancona whilst staying with an authentic Italian family. Students will then visit the beautiful Italy exploring history, art, culture and religion. Students will visit Rome including a Papal Audience, Pompeii, Florence, Siena, Ancona and Venice. A truly spiritual and incredible experience for all students.

### **Dates of tour:**

September/October  
Holidays

### **Duration of tour:**

21 Days

### **Approx. Cost:**

\$5,500\*

### **Year levels that can participate:**

Year 9/10 students



### **Additional Information/requirements:**

Open to all students (preference is given to students studying Italian)

### **Contact:**

For further details please email [internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)

## ***STEM with NASA Tour***



### **Overview:**

Students travel to Orlando USA to participate in a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) related activities. Students visit Kennedy Space Centre participating in the *Astronaut Training Experience* and *Mars Base One Programs*, as well as visiting iFly to experience the physics of freefall, Universal Studios and DisneyWorld, and complete ride analysis programs.

### **Dates of tour:**

Late June - Early July

### **Duration of tour:**

10-11 days

### **Approx. Cost:**

\$5,800\*

### **Year levels that can participate:**

Year 10 students

### **Additional Information/requirements:**

Students need to cover their own USA ESTA Number (14 USD) and passport costs.

### **Contact:**

For further details please email

[internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)





## ***Kokoda Trail***



### **Overview:**

Students travel to Papua New Guinea to trek the Kokoda Trail. Students learn about the historical elements of the Kokoda Campaign, New Guinean culture, and most importantly, learn about themselves. A trip that is equal parts physically and mentally challenging, and incredibly rewarding. Students are chaperoned by College staff and Getaway trekking staff. A life defining experience.

### **Dates of tour:**

September/October  
Holidays

### **Duration of tour:**

10 Days

### **Approx. Cost:**

\$5,000\*

### **Year levels that can participate:**

Year 9/10 students



### **Additional Information/requirements:**

Students will need to purchase their own equipment and medical supplies/immunisations.

### **Contact:**

For further details please email [internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)

# ***The Central Australia Trip***

## **Overview:**

The Central Australia Trip gives opportunity for our students to experience the beauty of the outback and learn about ancient Aboriginal culture. Students also have the chance to engage with students who live in the red centre by spending a day at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs. Highlights of the trip include visiting Uluru, Kata Juta, McDonalds Ranges, Kings Canyon, Earth Sanctuary and Santa Teresa Catholic Mission.

## **Dates of tour:**

Term 2

(dates variable)

## **Duration of tour:**

7 - 9 Days

## **Approx. Cost:**

\$1800 - \$2000\*

## **Year levels that can participate:**

Year 10 students

## **Additional Information/requirements:**

NA

## **Contact:**

For further details please email [internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)



## ***Japan Tour***



The Japan Cultural Immersion Tour is an opportunity for our students to experience Japanese culture and language through travelling, homestay and attending a school in Japan. Students will visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Hiroshima to experience both traditional and contemporary sides of Japanese culture. Students will also learn the Japanese culture and language through doing a one-week homestay with a Japanese family. Attending a Japanese school will give students an opportunity to immerse themselves in everyday Japanese life. This tour begins in 2021.

### **Dates of tour:**

September/October Holidays

### **Duration of tour:**

14 Days

### **Approx. Cost:**

\$5,500\*

### **Year levels that can participate:**

Year 9/10 students



### **Additional Information/requirements:**

NA

### **Contact:**

For further details please email [internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)

\*All costings may vary depending on student numbers for each tour



## ***Australian Catholic Youth Festival***

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people. Its purpose is to provide youth with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia through vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis. This is a biennial event that will occur in December 2021.



## **Ignite Youth Festival**

Ignite Youth Conference is an opportunity for young people to deepen their faith journey and experience their faith and the Church in a dynamic way. Rallies, keynote speakers, music, prayer and workshops create an unforgettable experience for those who attend. The event is held annually in September in Brisbane. For further details about ACYF or Ignite please email [internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)

# Hosting Opportunities



## Hosting Students from Italy

During February, our College will be visited by 25 students from our Sister School in Ancona Italy. All students are encouraged to host a student from Italy for 1 week. Families are asked to provide accommodation and three meals a day for the duration of their stay. International Exchange students from Italy are approximately 14-15 years of age and speak English and Italian.

## Hosting Students from Japan

Our College continues to work with the Australian Institute of International Understanding (AIU) by offering our students the opportunity to host Japanese Exchange Students for an extended homestay. Our Japanese Exchange students will attend classes at our College for approximately 2 months whilst developing their English skills. Families are asked to provide accommodation and three meals a day for the duration of their stay. Payment is provided by AIU.

## Contact:

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[internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:internationaltours@crccs.vic.edu.au)



## Curriculum Links



### ***Languages (Italian and Japanese)***

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs offers two Languages at Year 7. Students complete one Semester of Italian and one Semester of Japanese. In Year 8 students select one of these Languages to continue for the year. Students will develop skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. They will learn about Italian and Japanese culture and in turn develop a better understanding of their own culture and language whilst improving their literacy and cognitive development. Students interested in Italian or Japanese language and culture are strongly encouraged to consider the Italy Tour or Japan Tour in Year 9 or 10. At Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs, we believe that immersing oneself in the culture of a country is the best way to learn a language.

### **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)**

The Year 10 STEM: Experiments in Space course enables students to learn coding techniques and develop critical thinking skills to solve problems that scientists have experienced with space exploration. Students are assessed on tasks relating to the planetary orbits, technological developments to aid human flight into space and the requirements for the establishment of a base on Mars. Students interested in studying STEM in Year 10 are encouraged to consider the STEM with NASA Tour.



## Further International Links

### Uganda

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs has made a five-year commitment to supporting the community of St Francis School, Kizinga in the district of Rakai, Southern Uganda. The five-year partnership with the school that will see a classroom block, water supply, kitchen and food program established. We hope to continue to build on this relationship in next few years by sending staff and students to visit these communities.





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Kokoda Trail





Italy Tour



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Uganda



STEM with NASA

