



St Paul's School

*Parent and Student
Information Application Pack*

VANUATU OUTREACH 2025



Thursday 19th June to Thursday 3rd July 2025

Key Information

The Vanuatu outreach Trip has been scheduled for
Thursday 19th June to Thursday 3rd July 2025.

**The total Outreach fees for 2025 will be
\$3600.**

This will cover all expenses, including preparation training, flights, accommodation, food and all ground costs. The only additional expenses will be spending money for students.

Please also note, all passengers must hold more than 6 months validity on their passport to cover the full stay in Vanuatu.

Payment Structure

Fees will be accepted in five instalments.

(With the initial deposit of \$600 at the acceptance of the trip).

Dates for payments

Wednesday 30th January \$600

Wednesday 26th February \$600

Wednesday 26th March \$600

Wednesday 23rd April \$600

Wednesday 21 May \$600



Student Selection and Commitment

Places available for 2025 will be dependent on accommodation, flights and transport with a maximum of 24 students.

Students in Years 10–12 in 2025 are eligible to apply for the trip. Desirable preference is given to those students who are Gold Card Holders, then Silver, and Blue.

Consideration is given to new students that have not yet had time to work through the Global Citizenship Card System.

Your 'character' has always been on display and we will be looking at your Pastoral record for the last 12 months.

- The Vanuatu Outreach Trip is an official school trip and as such the School expects all participants to exhibit the highest standards of behaviour, discipline, cooperation and maturity.
- You are an Ambassador of St Paul's School and as such should always show the highest standards of courtesy, kindness and self discipline.

Selected students must be prepared to commit to collaborative lesson planning in the months leading up to departure.

These sessions will be held after school and priority must be given over other extra curricular activities.



Where are we going?

Friday 19th June to Thursday 3rd July 2025

We will be flying with Solomon Airlines

1 IE 726 G 19JUN 4 B NESON HK26	0900 1250
2 IE 726 G 03JUL 4 SONVLI HK26	1350 1435
3 IE 718 G 03JUL 4 VLIBNE HK26	1535 1740

(Subject to scheduling changes)



From Brisbane we fly directly to Espiritu Santo (usually just known as Santo). Santo is the largest island in Vanuatu but still only approx. 100kms (N/S) by 55 kms (E/W). We will be staying at the Beachfront Resort in Luganville.

From there we will commute daily to villages in the North East of the island. While there we will experience the rhythm of village life, meet the local people and share stories of life in our own lands and spend time in fellowship.

We will participate in a range of activities. We may visit some of the outlying areas of the villages such as the Melanesian Brother House set in the forest above the village of Lorevilko.

During the week our focus will be in delivering an educational program at the schools we visit as well as engaging with the students in activities and games.

Some activities will be dependent on weather and other factors. At the conclusion of our time on Santo we will fly to Brisbane via Port Vila.



Intention and Practice

The main portion of our time in Vanuatu will be spent engaging with the communities of Turtle Bay and Lorevilko. Students will be involved in a range of activities designed to foster relationships with the people of the villages as well as expose St Paul's students to life in a very different culture and environment and could provide a challenging experience for our students.

Travel on Santo will be undertaken with local drivers and vehicles hired for the trip.



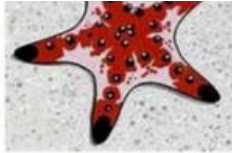
Accommodation

Accommodation will be at the Beachfront Resort in Luganville in a self-contained area reserved for the school. Room configuration and allocations will be dependent on students attending.

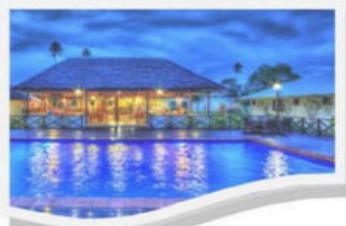
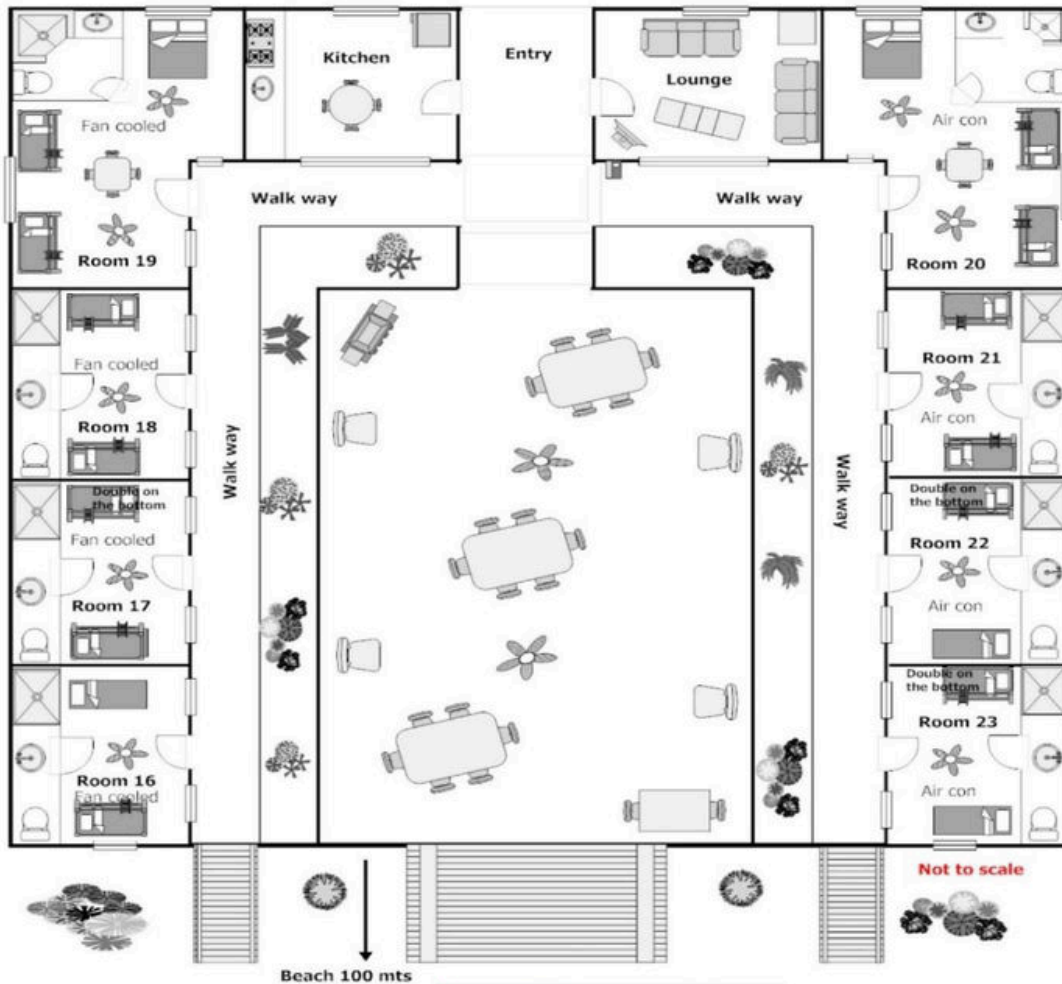
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Females are not permitted in male's rooms at any time.

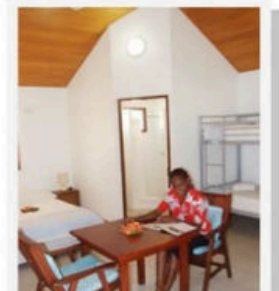
No exceptions!



Starfish Rooms



Beachfront Resorts Limited



Things to Bring and Remember

A comprehensive packing list will be provided closer to departure. Students are encouraged to travel light and to very carefully consider the clothing recommendations due to the climate. For all team members, modesty is the best rule of thumb when considering what to wear. This may seem strange in a place where in outlying areas one can encounter almost naked traditional family groups and hunters as they go about their business but around most village and town communities, we visit there is a strong sense of modesty that prevails. Very rarely will you encounter local women in short skirts, trousers, or tight-fitting clothing and generally all dresses or tops will have at least short sleeves, showing little or no cleavage. It is essential that we respect the customs of the Ni Vanuatu people and avoid the risk of offending those observing the team by the way we are dressed. Here are a few guidelines to follow when choosing your wardrobe:

Clothing Expectations in Vanuatu

Although we are not insisting on uniform clothing except for travel, teaching in the village and other more formal occasions it is important the above information regarding modesty be taken into account when selecting clothing. This is particularly important in relation to shorts. Knee length or below the knee shorts are expected to be worn. School length Green PE shorts are suitable during activity times ('Senior's Shorts' are not permitted to be worn). As a rule of thumb, if you think you need to ask if something might be acceptable or not, then it probably isn't.

Tank tops, singlets, strapless, sleeveless or low-cut dresses are NEVER APPROPRIATE and should not be packed. No tops that reveal any portion of the stomach will be allowed at any time. Swimwear should be modest and although most swimwear is acceptable in the locations we will swim, for health and safety reasons all students must always wear a rash shirt when swimming.

Remember; Vanuatu is tropical. As such daytime protection from the sun should be a consideration, longer sleeves can assist with this and longer sleeves also afford some protection from mosquitoes in the evenings. A hat must be worn when outdoors.

Team shirts (provided) will be worn when we are in transit as a group or while in the village. These will be washed regularly. Each team member will be given team shirts which will be clearly labelled prior to the trip.

Shared rooms mean conservative sleepwear should be packed.

Do not take expensive watches, rings, or other jewelry. These items are easily lost or stolen. It is safer to leave them at home. Modest jewelry is acceptable but please be aware expensive items could be seen to highlight the financial differences between the locals and us.

Inclusions and Spending Money

All team expenses are fully catered for including meals and water.

If a student has additional need for anything they feel they cannot do without, there will be some opportunities for the purchase of these items at their own expense. However, be aware the stores in Vanuatu at times may only carry items that we might consider substandard or may be out of date. If a student needs money for an emergency, it will be provided as well by the leader. There is very little sense in students bringing extra money, over and above suggested limits.

Based on previous experience, and the fact that students should bring no more than AUD\$200, it is recommended that students bring Australian dollars that can be converted in Luganville. It may be more convenient to purchase Vatu prior to leaving Brisbane due to the small quantities most students will require.



Communication

Permission is given to students to carry a mobile phone during this overseas trip. If using international roaming be aware the costs to call Australia can be very expensive. That said, mobile phone communication is limited within Vanuatu and cannot be guaranteed.

There is limited to no mobile reception in the villages of Turtle Bay or Lorevilko and surrounds, where we will be spending most of our time.

Mobile phones are not to be used in the village except as a substitute camera.

Improper, excessive or inappropriate use of mobile phones may result in confiscation for the remainder of the trip.

Students will ask permission before making any communication home.

Parents should not contact students directly and contact staff of any concerns before contacting your child.

There may be Email access through some Wi-Fi services although this can be irregular and unreliable.



Health and Safety

Every precaution will be taken to protect the health and safety of the team members while in Vanuatu. Obviously, there is no guarantee that illness, accidents or injuries will not occur. If team members use common sense and follow team leaders' instructions regarding eating, hygiene and safety, we will be more likely to enjoy a safe and healthy stay.

Vaccinations: The general advice given is to ensure students childhood vaccinations are up to date and consider advice from your GP or travel clinic as to any further vaccinations required. Due to each person's prior travel, privacy and medical circumstances each person's needs are different.

(Please remember some vaccinations may require to be administered over a few weeks prior to the trip.)

Students should consider a prescription for anti-malarial medication if they wish to take it. This is generally available through your GP, and we suggest you consult with your GP for your personal needs. Mosquitoes are common and can be prevalent depending on the season, but I have found it easy to safeguard against most mosquito bites by using tropical strength personal insect repellent and suitable clothing.

Travel insurance for the trip is provided by St Paul's School through the Anglican Diocese of Southern Queensland for all students and staff.

It is vital that all team members realize that it is impossible to guarantee any foods while in Vanuatu although most of our morning and evening meals will be of hotel quality.

However, culturally it might be appropriate at times that a student should be prepared to eat what is available or offered (allergies excepted). Please consult the St Paul's staff if there are any questions or concerns well in advance of departure.



Draft Itinerary

This is a draft itinerary and will give you an idea of what we have organized. Because this is Vanuatu there will likely be changes to this. That is just how life is there.

Day 1 Thursday 19 June

0900 1450 Brisbane to Espiritu Santo
Hotel Check in and Orientation Beachfront Resort

Day 2 Friday 20 June

Lesson preparation, timetabling and resourcing
Lesson practice and activity planning

Day 3 Saturday 21 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0930 Travel to Sakau School and Village
0930 Welcome, lessons and activities
TBA Lunch, village tour and activities with children
1530 Travel to Luganville

Day 4 Sunday 22 June

0700 0745 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0900 1100 Mango or Sarakata Parish Church Visit
Rest of day TBC

Day 5 Monday 23 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Lorevilko School and Village
0900 1500 Welcome ceremony followed by lessons
& activities including lunch
1530 Travel to Luganville

Day 6 Tuesday 24 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Lorevilko
0900 1500 Lessons Including Refreshments & Lunch
1500 Travel to Luganville

Day 7 Wednesday 25 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Lorevilko
0900 1200 Lessons Including Refreshments
1200 1245 Lunch
1300 1500 Lessons
1500 Travel to Luganville

Day 8 Thursday 26 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Lorevilko
0900 1230 Lessons (Including Morning Tea and lunch)
1230 1530 Year 6 Champagne Beach Excursion
1530 Travel to Luganville



Draft Itinerary continued..

Day 9 Friday 27 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Lorevilko
0900 1200 Lesson & Sports Carnival
1200 1430 Lunch followed by farewell ceremony & Community gifting
1500 Travel to Luganville

Day 10 Saturday 28 June

0730 0830 Reflection, briefing and breakfast
All activities TBC depending on availability and weather. Students will also replenish lessons and timetable for Turtle Bay program.

Day 11 Sunday 29 June

0730 0815 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
TBC Church visit to Sarakata or Mango
All other activities TBC depending on availability and weather.

Day 12 Monday 30 June

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Turtle Bay School and Village
0845 1500 Welcome ceremony followed by lessons & activities including lunch
1530 Travel to Luganville

Day 13 Tuesday 1 July

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Turtle Bay School and Village
0845 1500 Welcome ceremony followed by lessons & activities including lunch
1530 Travel to Luganville

Day 14 Wednesday 2 July

0700 0730 Breakfast, Reflection & Briefing
0730 0830 Travel to Turtle Bay
0900 1400 Lessons including lunch
1430 1530 Farewell ceremony & Community gifting
1545 Travel to Luganville

Day 15 Thursday 3 July

1530 **Depart Santo**
1740 **Arrive Brisbane**



Bislama

A few useful phrases

Good morning *Gud moning*

Good night *Gud naet*

How's things? *Olsem wanem?*

Good / OK *I gud*

Thank you very much *Tangkyu tumas*

What's your name? *Wanem nem blong yu?*

My name is... *Mi, nem blong mi...*

I am from... *Mi blong...*

Where are you going? *Yu go wea?*

Where have you come from? *Yu kam wea?*

I would like... *Mi wantem...*

One, two, three *wan, tu, tri*

It's finished *I finis*

I don't know *Mi no save*

I don't understand *Mi no haremsave*



Application Vanuatu Outreach

Please follow this link to apply to be a part of the Outreach Tour for 2025.

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