Seeking leaders for the 2014 Timor-Leste community partnership program…

2014 brings an exciting opportunity for students to re-connect with and build upon the recently established global partnership with the people of Marobo in Timor-Leste. During this program students will take the next step in securing this ongoing partnership with the Marobo Community and implement the recommendations from the 2013 delegation.

Students will explore the remote environment, culture, history, language and food of one of Australia’s closest neighbours.

This is an amazing opportunity to gain an understanding of a diverse culture, appreciate the challenges faced by our partner community and collaborate with young Timorese of similar age. A key part of this program will be learning through service to and engagement with others. We’ll be stepping outside our comfort zone, learning to appreciate and become aware of social injustice and the ways we can respond as active global citizens.

This program is open to a maximum of 16-18 students only for 2014.

I could write a whole page but I don’t think any amount of words could ever explain my experience and what I’ve been through. I have felt the purest kind of happiness from the people in Timor and their energy has affected me in the best possible way. You have to see it for yourself.

Alice, 16 MacKillop Catholic College Hobart 2013

Schedule:

Day 1 21st September 2014
Hobart to Darwin-
program orientation

Day 2 Darwin to Dili.
Exploring Dili,
including recent history at the
Cultural Resistance Museum

Days 3 - 8 This phase of your community program includes the development of your partnership with Marobo village. The promotion of education and inter-cultural learning in rural Timor. Building new friendships.

Day 9 Returning to Dili,
reflection at Sandy Beach, visit MacKillop Sisters in Dili.

Day 10 Flying home from Dili via Darwin
The heart of this program is the development of your new partnership with the community of Marobo, in the western part of Timor-Leste.

Marobo is made up of 3 villages with a total population of 5000 people. MacKillop College students have an amazing opportunity to continue leading this partnership and provide new opportunities for the people of Marobo to gain access to basic education resources and opportunities and establish the first ever library in the region. In August 2012, Mr Rui Cunha, a village leader from Marobo, contacted Destination Dreaming. Rui was seeking a partnership with an Australian school to provide engagement for their youth and assist in the development of a library for the community.

We are looking for MacKillop students to answer the call...

**Be Part of an Inspiring Community Partnership: 2014 Community Partnership Program with Marobo**

**Indicative Program Cost: $3400.00**

- Experienced Program Facilitator and remote first aider
- Return flights to Dili, Timor-Leste, comprehensive travel insurance and travel agency fees
- All permits, entry costs and traditional owner payments
- All transport in Darwin and Timor
- 9 nights’ accommodation, 9 dinners, 8 lunches, 9 breakfasts
- Community project materials and management
- Risk management, communications, insurance and program admin.

**Payment schedule:**

1st Deposit due: 27.11.13 - $400.00
2nd Deposit due: 16.03.14 - $1000.00
3rd Deposit due: 18.05.14 - $1000.00
4th Deposit due: 03.07.14 - $1000.00

MacKillop Catholic College Hobart is partnering with Destination Dreaming to offer this program. Destination Dreaming is a non-profit education organisation based in Ocean Grove, Victoria.

Destination Dreaming works with schools to create sustainable community partnerships that teach young people about global citizenship, self-awareness and social justice.

Amazing is an understatement, I had the most fun in my life and loved every minute. A lot of us take so much for granted in life but in Timor they don’t have much yet they are some of the happiest people I have ever met. Bridget 15, MacKillop Catholic College College Hobart 2013.

We learnt that dreams are possible anywhere in the world and we were lucky enough to be involved in Rui’s dream for his community. Matt and Stacey, TIC MacKillop Catholic College Hobart 2013.