

Borneo Expedition 2023

Next year St Paul's will be offering Years 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to take part in a two-week adventure expedition to Borneo. The tour will depart in the final week of Term Three and continue into the September vacation. The tour is part of the School's Experiential Learning program and offers participants the opportunity to visit a country of great natural beauty, hike, and camp out within a pristine tropical rainforest, work on community-based development programs in local villages and visit the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary.



The tour will be suited to students who enjoy the physical challenge of adventure touring. It also provides the opportunity to gain insight into day-to-day life in rural Borneo. Not only will the team see the warmth of the Sabahan people, but they will also witness first-hand the issues that confront rural communities in a developing country, and the associated issues related to the fragile environment in which these communities are located. Students will live and work alongside local people, contributing to long-term, sustainable projects.



The tour also takes in the capital of the state of Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, which is a dynamic waterfront town with a thriving night market. Situated in the east of Sabah is the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary, where the students will witness feeding sessions involving orphaned orangutans.



This tour experience will be a wonderful opportunity for our young people to learn through direct contact with communities and environments very different to our own. It is the sort of experience that will positively shape the personal character of those who take part and provide insight and understanding to participants about important global issues through personal, unfiltered experience.

The tour will be facilitated by 'Camps International', a vastly experienced provider of international tours to Schools within Australia. More information will be available at the start of the school year in 2023. At that time, students will be able to submit an expression of interest, and there will be follow up information presentations in the weeks following.

There is nothing to do at this point apart from perhaps discuss the opportunity this tour presents as a family, and conduct some research on Borneo, it's fabulous orangutans and our provider, Camps International.

