

Dear Parents

Expressions of interest are being invited for a 2026 Food Studies Tour to Le Cordon Bleu in Melbourne, scheduled from Monday 6 April to Saturday 11 April 2026.

A newly introduced educational tour, the program will expose students to industry-leading practices in food preparation, hospitality and culinary innovation through workshops, demonstrations and cultural food experiences.

The tour is designed to enrich students' Food Science and Technologies learning while fostering personal growth and confidence in preparation for future pathways, specifically to:

- Broaden students' understanding of food systems, production and service at a national and global level.
- Develop practical skills and inspire creativity through hands-on learning with professional chefs and industry experts.
- Encourage cultural appreciation by exploring Melbourne's diverse food scene.
- Strengthen collaboration skills, independence and responsibility in a real-world setting.

As a dedicated Food Studies Tour, eligible students include:

- those who have completed Year 10 Food Studies in 2025;
- current Year 11 General Food Science and Technology students (2025); and
- students who are enrolled in Year 11 or 12 General Food Science and Technology in 2026.

This tour can accommodate a total of 16 students and requires a minimum of 12 students in order to proceed. To be considered, eligible students must complete and return the attached Expression of Interest form no later than 9:00 am on Friday, 24 October 2025.

The cost of the tour is estimated to be \$4,000 including flights, accommodation, travel insurance, all meals and activities.

The payment schedule based on the above estimated cost is:

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| • Deposit (non-refundable) \$1,000 | Due Monday 17 November 2025 |
| • Instalment \$2,000 | Due Monday 19 January 2026 |
| • Final \$1,000 | Due Monday 23 February 2026 |

Whilst the deposit is non-refundable, the College will endeavor to provide a full or partial refund of the deposit paid if the tour is cancelled.

The College's travel insurance policy can be provided upon request. Payment details will be sent to those selected to attend the tour.

Terms and conditions

To be eligible for this Tour, fee account payments must be up to date throughout the year from the date the deposit is paid to one week prior to departure.

A satisfactory reference check from the student's Assistant Deputy Principal is a requirement for participation in the Tour. No application will be considered complete or eligible for selection without this reference.

A Student Behaviour Contract (attached) will need to be signed by both the Student and Parent.

Please contact myself should you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

Mindy Toleman

Food and Fabric Coordinator / Food Tour Coordinator

Expression of Interest

I am interested in my child, _____, participating in the Food Studies Tour from Monday 6 April to Saturday 11 April 2026.

I understand that:

- The deposit of \$1,000 is non- refundable.
- Payments must be made by the instalment dates stated.
- My fee account must be up to date from the date the deposit is made through to one week before departure.
- A Student Behaviour Contract will need to be signed by both my child and myself. Any breach of this contract before or during the tour may lead to the tour being cancelled for my child or my child being sent home early from the Tour. Any expenses incurred will be my responsibility.
- The selection criteria for participants are:
 - The ability to exemplify John XXIII College values and be a positive ambassador for the College whilst on Tour.
 - Demonstrated positive participation and contribution to College life.
 - Demonstrated positive attitude, participation and performance in the Food Technology class.
 - Demonstrated social and emotional maturity, responsibility, trustworthiness and dependability.
 - The ability to manage a Tour experience, busy itinerary and time away from home in a group setting.

Name of parent _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

*Please return this form no later than **9 am Friday 24 October 2025** to the Technologies office.*

2026 FOOD STUDIES TOUR - STUDENT BEHAVIOUR CONTRACT

STUDENT NAME _____

As a participant in the Food Studies Tour to Melbourne, I acknowledge that I am acting as a representative of John XXIII College and, as such, I am required to uphold the College's values, standards and expectations. I hereby agree to comply with all terms and conditions set out in this Student Behaviour Contract. I understand that my conduct throughout the duration of the tour shall reflect upon the College, and I accept full responsibility for maintaining exemplary behaviour in accordance with College expectations and the instructions of supervising staff.

1. Conduct and Attitude

- I will be a cooperative, responsible, and helpful member of the Tour group.
- I will always show respect and consideration for others.
- I will comply fully with all College behavioural expectations throughout the duration of the Tour including travel, accommodation, and all scheduled activities.

2. Authority and Supervision

- I will follow all instructions given by the supervising teachers and tour leaders without argument or delay.
- I acknowledge that the decisions made by the tour leaders are final.

4. Respect for Property

- I will treat my own property, the property of others, and all facilities with care and respect.
- I will be financially responsible for any damage caused by my actions.

5. Movement and Supervision

- I will not leave the tour group or deviate from the planned itinerary without prior permission from a tour leader.
- If permission is granted, I will strictly adhere to the agreed conditions, including location, companions and return time.

6. Substance Use

- I understand and accept the College's zero-tolerance policy regarding the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products and illicit drugs.



- Breach of this rule will result in immediate disciplinary action, including possible removal from the Tour.

7. Mobile Phone Use

- I understand that phones must be stored securely at the accommodation during the day and are not to be carried on my person during scheduled activities.
- I agree to follow the guidelines provided by the College regarding social media use.

8. Consequences of Misconduct

- I understand that any breach of this contract or unacceptable behaviour may result in my immediate removal from the Tour.
- I accept that any costs incurred in sending me home will be the full responsibility of my parents/guardians.

Student signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Parent / Guardian signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____