



St. Peter's College Northern Territory Expedition 2020 Application Form

Dear Parents and Students,

St. Peter's College is proud to offer a unique opportunity for 40 young adults in 2020. The Northern Territory Expedition is a 14-day tour to some of the most amazing and culturally significant natural locations this country has to offer.

This non-compulsory learning and enrichment experience will give students the chance to visit a number of important environmental, cultural and spiritual landmarks in the Australian Outback. They will walk among great canyons and rock formations, see vast landscapes, visit spiritually important sites, speak with Aboriginal elders, and interact with native wildlife, sample bush tucker and even sleep out under the stars.

Some of the places we will visit include Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, Simpson's Gap, Standley Chasm, Karlu (The Devil's Marbles), Daly Waters, Bitter Springs, Katherine, Edith Falls, Jabiru, Ubirr Rock & Darwin to name just a few.

One of the highlights of the trip will be a one-day immersion program with the Wanmarra Aboriginal Community in the Watarrka region near Kings Canyon. Students will spend the morning working on assisting the Wanmarra people with their Bush Tucker and Bush Medicine horticultural program and the afternoon learning about, making and using traditional Aboriginal tools, weapons, paintings and jewellery.

The majority of the expedition will occur during the mid-year holidays and is a camping safari where we sleep in tents or out under the stars. Please note that we are travelling almost 3000km between Melbourne and Darwin and early mornings will occur on most days.

This is an application form intended for students interested in attending the St. Peter's College Northern Territory Expedition 2020. All students applying must meet the selection criteria found on page 3 of this document. We currently have one trip planned for both the Cranbourne and Clyde North Campus. Please note the dates the expedition will take place:

- **Wed 24 June to Tue 7 July 2020**
 - **Students travel to Darwin by bus and fly back to Melbourne**
 - **Students miss the last two days of Term 2**

A maximum of 40 students can travel and we will be taking 20 students from the Clyde North Campus and 20 students from the Cranbourne Campus. Due to the potentially high number of students interested in attending the Northern Territory Expedition 2020, a ballot will be conducted to determine who can attend. Please complete and return the application form on page 4 of this document by **Thursday 19 September 2019** (Last day of Term 3) if you would like to be in the ballot.



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College rules will apply throughout the duration of the expedition. Four staff members, a tour company bus driver and cook will accompany the students. The total cost for the 14-day expedition is **approximately** \$2300.00 (subject to change slightly due to cost of flights) but no money is required at this application stage.

This will include:

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on most days
- Flights home to Melbourne
- Coach travel between Melbourne and Darwin stopping at 15 amazing locations, towns and cities
- Entry into a variety of parks and attractions, including Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and Kakadu Nation Park
- An extraordinary base walk around Uluru. **Please note students and staff will NOT be permitted to climb Uluru**
- Tent accommodation and mattresses
- Site fees for all campsites
- A commemorative Hoodie, t-shirt and beanie students will wear during the trip

All applications that are submitted by **Thursday 19 September** will be placed in a ballot and the 20 students from each campus will be selected and notified by **Wednesday 9 October**.

Unsuccessful applicants will be numbered in order of the ballot and may be offered a position on the expedition should a place become available.

A deposit of \$500.00 will then be required to be paid by **Friday 25 October 2019**. **This deposit is non-refundable in the event that the student pulls out of the trip unless there is another student to take that place.**

Two further instalments of approximately \$900.00 must then be paid prior to departure. The dates for these payments will be confirmed and communicated to the successful applicants before the end of head start 2019.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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Selection of Students:

St. Peter's College has the prerogative to assess the suitability of students travelling on the Northern Territory Expedition.

An individual cannot compromise the safety and welfare of the group.

The College therefore reserves the right to select students for the expedition on the basis of a student's willingness to co-operate with staff at all times and that those selected would not pose a risk to the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

If previous unsatisfactory behaviour, a propensity to not adhere to school rules and co-operation are breached in a controlled environment at school, then translated in unfamiliar situations, some patterns may emerge that may be detrimental to the expedition.

VCE Students are expected to be up to date with Coursework and Assessment tasks. Missing some classroom contact time should not be impactful.

Of course, St. Peter's College acknowledges reconciliation and pastoral considerations. Any decision where a student is disallowed from travelling will be made after consultation with House Leaders and Pastoral Care staff.

St. Peter's College therefore will exercise the right to select students based on:

- (a) their willingness (as exemplified to date from enrolment) to co-operate with staff. Internal records can be sighted to note detentions, incomplete Coursework and behavioural issues.
- (b) evidence that the student, as presented in previous behaviour, will not be a person who would pose a danger or difficulty in a highly unfamiliar environment.

Our main priority is to the safety and wellbeing of all members on the expedition.

As stated in the contract that students and parents will be required to sign:

The following rules are to be adhered to:

- Respect and courtesy are to be shown toward all members of the group, tourist officers, indigenous peoples and the general public
- Instructions when given are to be followed
- No littering – concern must be shown for the fragile environment
- Students must strictly abide by the set curfew
- No smoking, alcohol or non-prescribed medications

If there are any breeches of these regulations the College has the additional prerogative to contact your parent/carer, remove you from all expedition activities and place you on the most convenient route to Melbourne at your own expense.



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Please Return by COB Thu 19 September 2019

Students Name: _____

Campus (please circle): Cranbourne / Clyde North

House and Tutor Group: _____

St. Peter's College email: _____

Alternative email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent/carers email: _____

Student Mobile Number (that will be used on trip): _____

Parent/carers Contact Number: (h): _____ (m): _____

I understand that if selected, this trip requires a financial commitment of approximately \$2300.00 due in three instalments.

I also understand that the initial deposit of \$500.00 is non-refundable in the event of withdrawal from the trip where no replacement student is available.

Parent Signature: _____

How did you hear about the trip? (Please tick all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> One of my siblings attended the trip | <input type="radio"/> A friend told me about it |
| <input type="radio"/> I saw it in 'The Rock' | <input type="radio"/> A teacher told me about it |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

All information for the trip will be provided via the official Northern Territory Expedition page on SPACE (Schoolbox).

Please note: Your application might be rejected if you are not financially up to date with school fees.

No Money is required at this stage but a \$500.00 initial deposit is required upon selection.