

Junior School Japan Tour 2027



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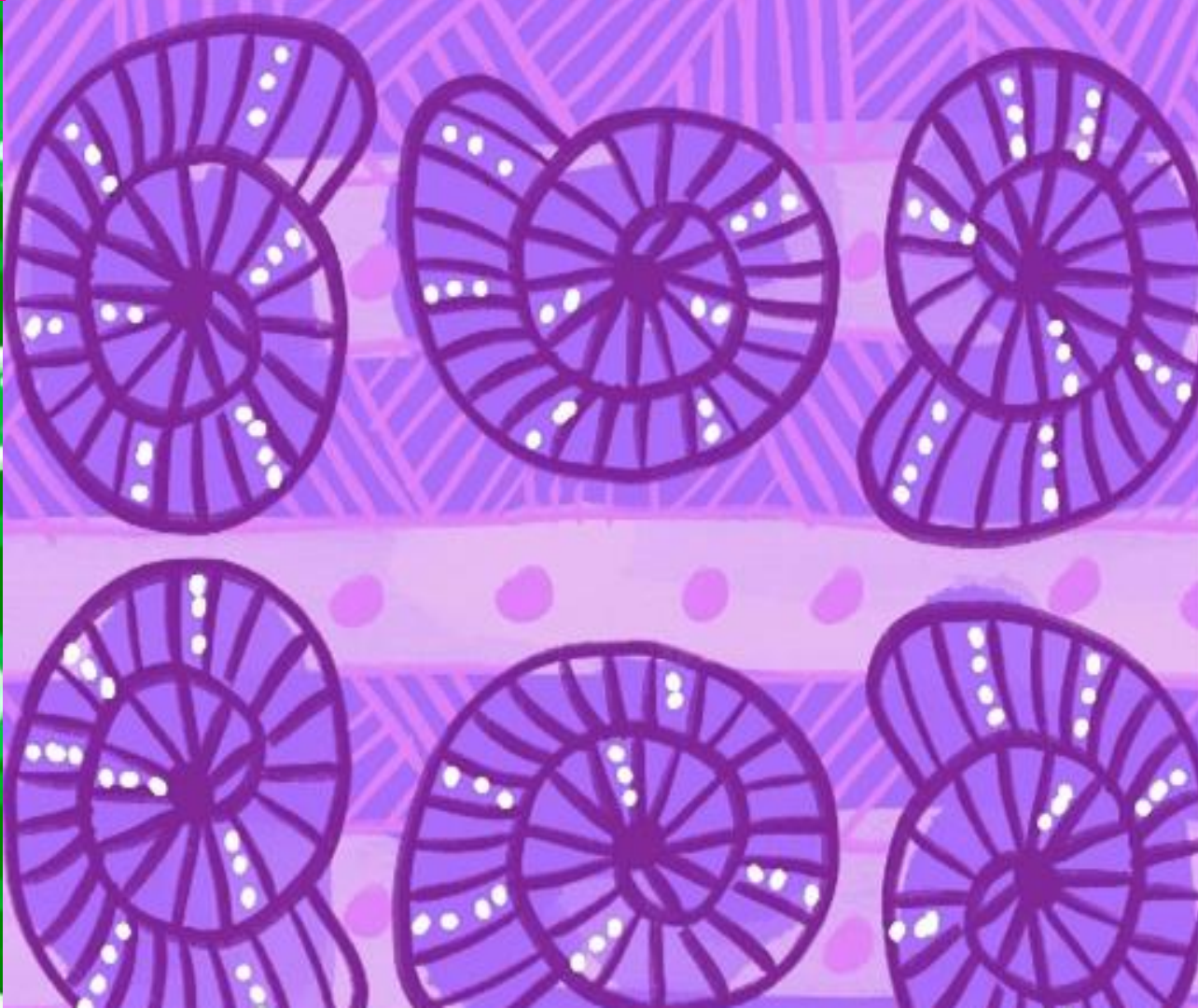
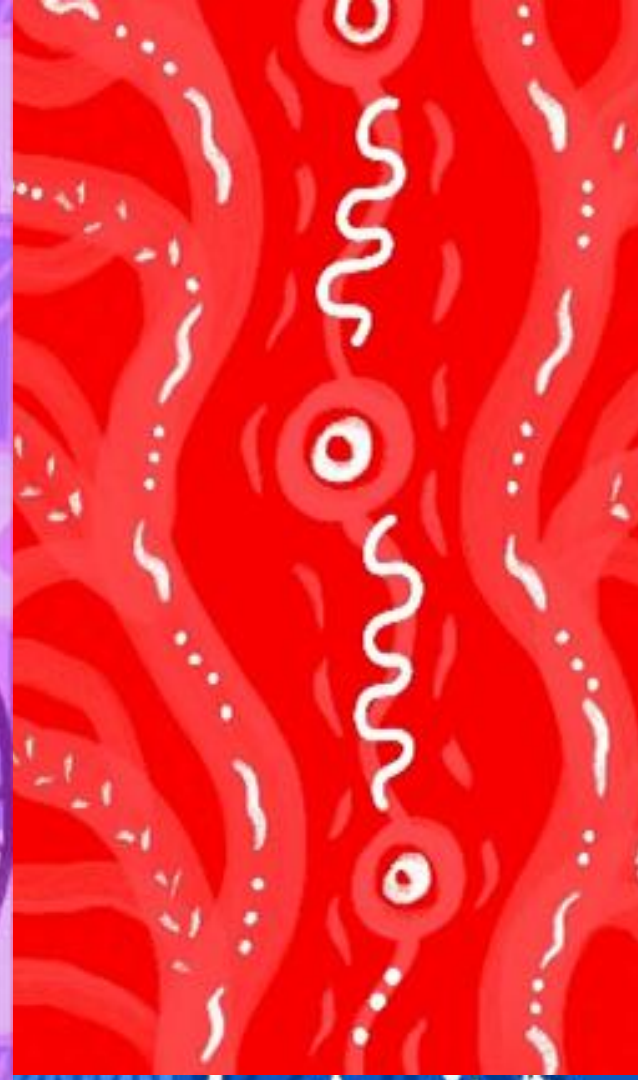
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Agenda

- Welcome
- Tour purpose
- Tour itinerary and costings
- Student participant eligibility and consideration
- Application process and selection
- Key dates
- Questions & Answers

Tour Purpose

To offer Year 5 and 6 students a unique and enriching opportunity to connect their classroom learning with real-world experiences in Japan. The tour will enhance students' understanding of Japanese culture, history, and geography, promote global citizenship, and build meaningful relationships with students from our Japanese partner schools.

Tour Itinerary



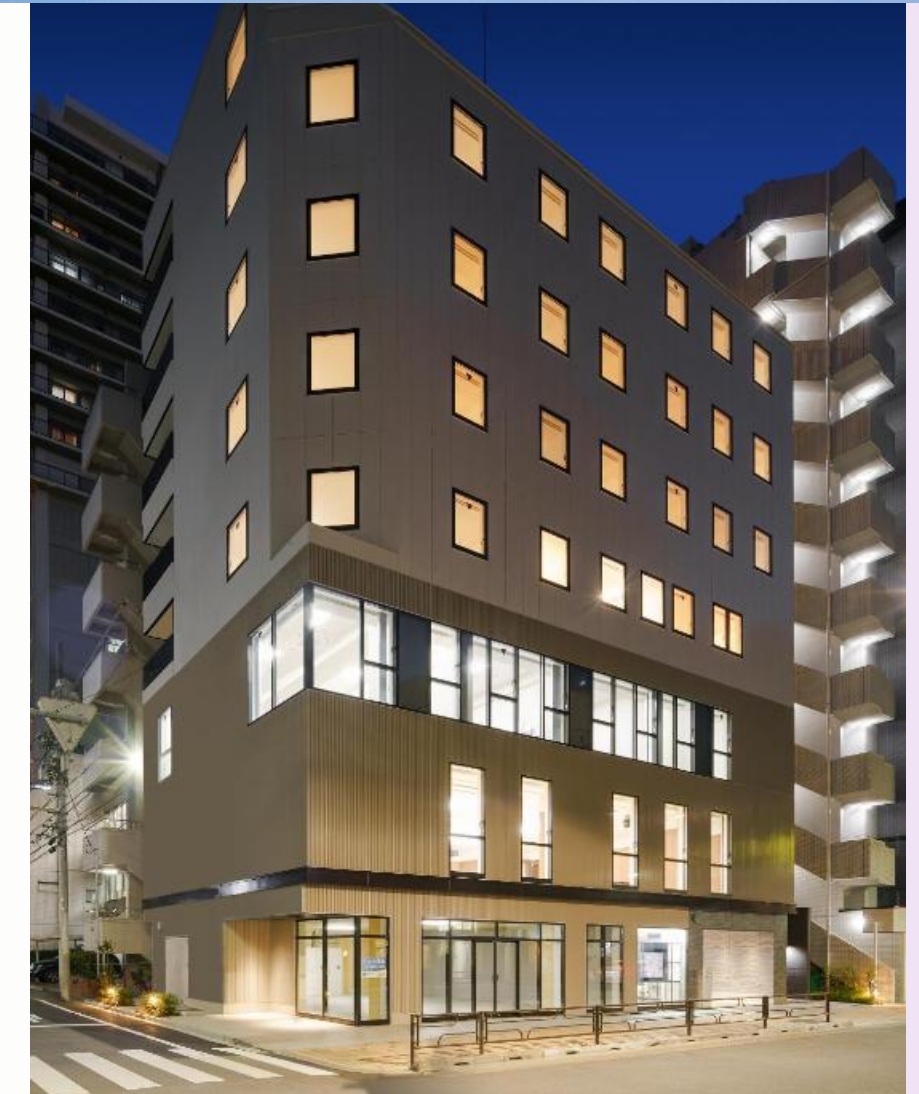
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JUNIOR SCHOOL JAPAN TOUR 2027

Day 1 Saturday 25 September

- Fly Brisbane to Narita
- Charter Coach to Ueno

Tokyo Ueno Youth Hotel (Night 1 of 3)



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JUNIOR SCHOOL JAPAN TOUR 2027

Day 2 Sunday 26 September

- Breakfast in Ueno
- Mass at St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Ueno
- Ueno Park & Tokyo Shitamachi Museum
- Akihabara Pedestrian Paradise
- Group dinner

Tokyo Ueno Youth Hotel (Night 1 of 3)



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Day 3 Monday 27 September

- Breakfast in Ueno
- Tokyo Disneyland

Tokyo Ueno Youth Hotel (Night 3 of 3)



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Day 4 Tuesday 28 September

- Breakfast in Ueno
- Transfer to Toyo Eiwa Elementary School

Homestay with Toyo Eiwa families (Night 1 of 5)

Day 5 Wednesday 29 September

- Toyo Eiwa Elementary School

Homestay with Toyo Eiwa families (Night 2 of 5)



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About Toyo Eiwa Elementary School

- Part of Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin (Girls' College), one of Japan's oldest girls' schools.
- Founded in 1884 by Canadian Methodist missionaries, with the elementary school established in 1888.
- Toyo Eiwa is a comprehensive institution offering kindergarten, elementary, junior high, and senior high education.
- The school has maintained a long-standing relationship with Lourdes Hill College through annual visits and a student exchange program spanning approximately 15 years.
- Notable alumna Hanako Muraoka translated *Anne of Green Gables* into Japanese, a work that became highly influential in post-war Japan.



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Accommodation – Homestay

- Families of Toyo Eiwa (host school – visit LHC in Term 1 & 3).
- Students double placed with families with English ability.
- 24 Hour contact with Toyo Eiwa coordinator and LHC Staff.

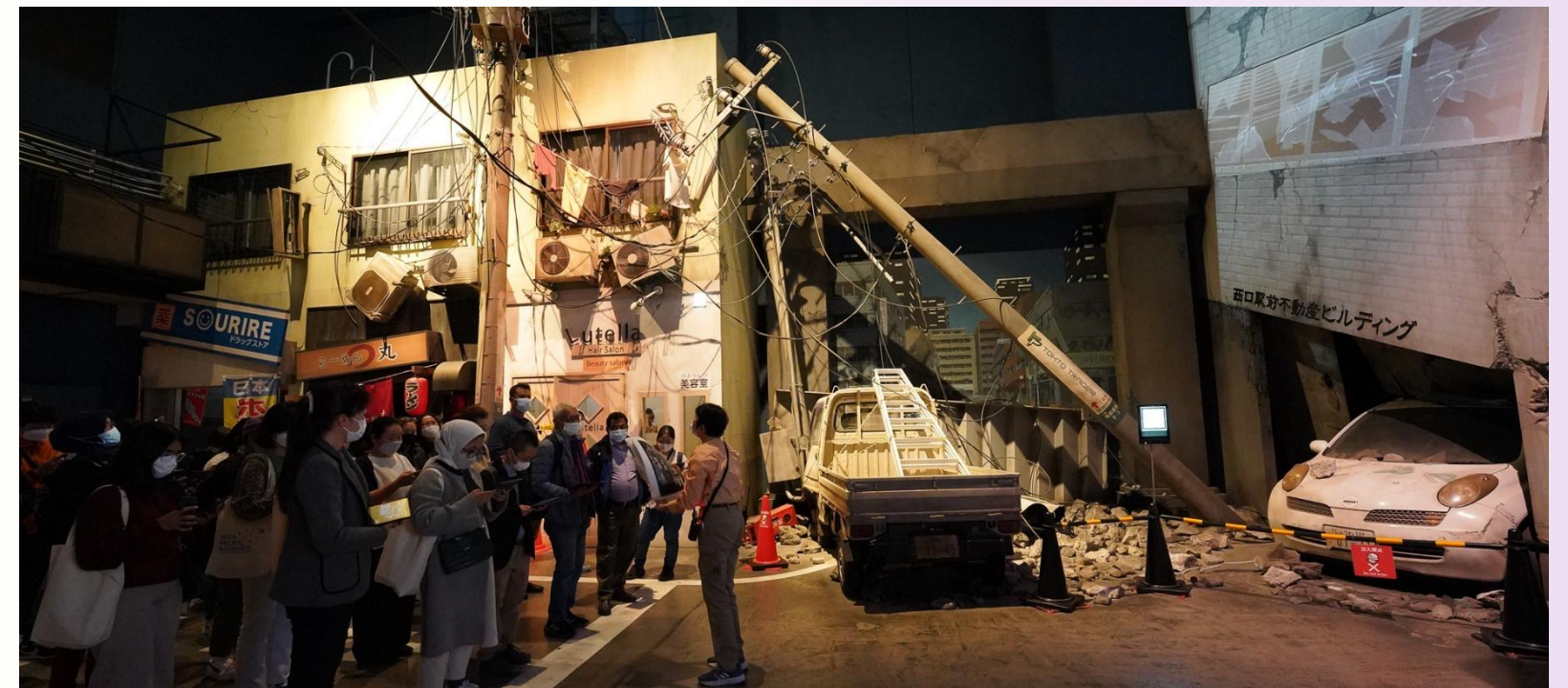


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Day 6 Thursday 30 September

- Excursion to Odaiba
 - Miraikan - *The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation.*
 - Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Park

Homestay with Toyo Eiwa families (Night 3 of 5)



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Day 7 Friday 1 October

- Tokyo Metropolitan Area Citizen's Day
(*Public Holiday*)

Spent with host family

Homestay with Toyo Eiwa families (Night 4 of 5)

Day 8 Saturday 2 October

- Spent with host family

Homestay with Toyo Eiwa families (Night 5 of 5)



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Day 9 Sunday 3 October

- AM: Spent with host family
- PM: Charter bus to Narita
- Fly Narita to Brisbane

Sleep on the plane



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Day 10 Monday 4 October

- Arrive Brisbane

Sleep in your own bed



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Tour Inclusions

Transport

- Return economy airfares on Qantas.
- All ground travel – local train and subway, and chartered buses.

Accommodation

- Tokyo Ueno Youth Hostel
- Homestay Gratuity

Meals & Experiences

- Meals not provided by homestay
- Museums & Entries
- Tokyo Disneyland

Travel Insurance

Tour Items

APPROXIMATELY

AUD \$4000

Based on 20 students + 4 staff

What's Not Included

Travel Insurance

Some pre-existing conditions may not be automatically covered by the College's travel insurance, and additional fees may apply.

It is a requirement that the student be covered by the policy. In the event coverage is not possible, the student will not be able to participate.

Spending Money

Students may wish to bring spending money for free-time, with host families, and for Tokyo Disneyland.

This is at parents' discretion and a daily budget of AUD\$10-15 would be reasonable.

APPROXIMATELY

AUD \$4000

Based on 20 students + 4 staff

Eligibility

Year 5 & 6 2027

- Maximum 20 students' places available.
- 4 Accompanying staff.

Meetings

- ***Pre-Departure***
 - 4 afternoon sessions in Term 3, 2027.
 - 1 x evening session with parents.

Considerations for Students and Families

Independence & Self-Management

Students must manage their belongings, personal spending money, time, and energy.

They also need to be able to cope with spending extended time away from **family**.

Resilience & Maturity

Living closely with others for an extended period of time requires patience, empathy, and self-control.

Students will encounter emotionally challenging sites and experiences and must navigate shared spaces including the shared rooms at the hostel and homestay.

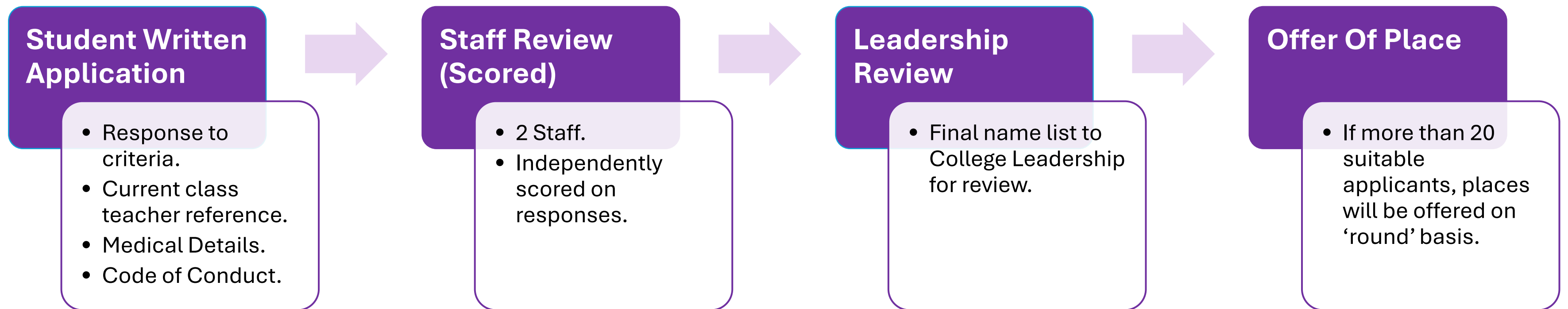
Physical & Emotional Wellbeing

Expect 15,000–20,000 steps daily, unfamiliar foods, long-haul flights, and crowded urban environments.

Students need realistic strategies for managing fatigue, sensory overload, and emotional wellbeing.



Application & Selection Process



Application Form

Response To Criteria

- A short self-introduction in English.
- Why are you interested in participating in the tour?
- What personal attributes make you an ideal ambassador for Lourdes Hill College and Australia?
- While on the programme, you will experience personal challenges including homesickness, language barriers, loneliness, and culture shock. What strategies will you use to manage these?

Each response up to 100 words

Additional Documents

- Passport Information Page (if current to May 2028).
- Medical Information Form
- Code Of Conduct
- Homestay Application Form
- Current class teacher reference



Key Dates – Application & Selections

2026	April 27	Monday	T2 W2 - Information Session
	End Of Term	Application Forms Available	
	July 14	Tuesday	T3W1 - Applications Open
	July 31	Friday	T3 W3 - Applications Close T3W4 – Staff Review Starts T3W6 – Leadership Review T3W7 – Offers Released Deposit Open
	September 11	Friday	T3W9 – Deposits Close

Key Dates – Payments

2026	September 11	T3 W9	\$600	Non-Refundable Deposit
	November 20	T4 W7	\$850	Instalment 1
2027	January	T1 W1	\$850	Instalment 2
	April	T2 W1	\$850	Instalment 3
	July	T3 W1	\$850	Final Instalment
		Total		\$4000

Key Dates – Meetings & Tour

2027			Term 3	4 x Afternoon Orientation Sessions. (90 minutes each).
				+ 1 Parent/Student Pre-Departure Session.
	September 25	Saturday		Depart Brisbane
	October 4	Sunday		Return Brisbane
	October 4	Monday	Term 4	Term 4 Begins

Questions?



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Thank You!



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