



Catholic Mission Immersion **OUTBACK**

This Immersion is a chance to step out of your everyday routine and experience life in remote parts of Australia, learning from the people who live there and seeing things from a new perspective. Over nine days, you will take part in a journey that includes preparation, hands-on experiences and time to reflect. You will meet inspiring individuals, hear powerful stories and gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture and outback life. The aim is to spend time 'being with' local people in their daily lives, listening and learning.

Catholic Mission has spent years building strong partnerships with communities across Australia. This immersion gives CBC students a chance to step into those communities, learn from local people and gain a new perspective on life in the Outback. The program is carefully planned with each hosting community and focuses on building real connections. It is not outback tourism, it is a meaningful, educational experience based on Catholic values.

We begin by heading north to the Flinders Ranges, stopping at Quorn to climb Devil's Peak and explore the historical township. We stay overnight at Pichi Richi, a bush retreat, and enjoy the silo light show after dinner. The next day takes us through Hawker for a visit to the Jeff Morgan Gallery, morning Mass with local families, then on to Wilpena Pound, Blinman and Parachilna Gorge before arriving at Iga Warta. Here, we take part in a welcome and cultural activities.

Next, we travel across the bottom of Lake Eyre to William Creek and then to Coober Pedy, where we stay for four days. Our hosts are the Umoona Tjutagku Aboriginal community, who welcome us into their programs and activities. Highlights include sleeping underground, visiting the underground Catholic Church, learning about opals and the town's unique history, and even trying some fossicking ourselves. Our final night in Coober Pedy is spent watching the sun set over the Breakaways in Kanku Reserve, immersed in the unique moonscape beauty.

On our way home, we stop at Woomera to explore the Aerospace Museum and learn about the history of First Nations displacement in the region. Our final night is spent at Spear Creek, where we have time to rest, reflect and share what we have learned.

Please note the itinerary may change, depending on the needs of the communities we visit.

DATES

19 Sep–27 Sep 2026

COST

\$2,300 per person

CONTACT

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INCLUSIONS

- Nine days immersed in local culture
- All accommodation & meals
- All local transport & entrance fees
- Travel Insurance
- Donations to local communities
- A Catholic Mission facilitator
- Phase 1 pre-trip workshop
- Phase 3 post-trip workshop

1. Attend an upcoming information session for more information (date to be confirmed).
2. Complete then 'expression of Interest' below and submit to Mr Anthony Callisto.
3. If accepted, you will be given a 'Registration form' to fill in.
4. Please complete and sign the 'Registration form' and return with your \$500 deposit.
5. Final payment of \$1,800 will be due in 2026.

We are now calling for expressions of interest from students who would like to be considered for this immersion experience. Places are limited, and if needed, the College will shortlist applicants. To express your interest, please complete the online form via the link below.

All submissions will be reviewed, and once the final group is confirmed, we will begin the next stage of planning. This includes a preparation workshop led by Catholic Mission.