



# OLE! Week 2017 | Year 9 Overseas Social Service Opportunity - Fiji

### The vision:

During Term 4, Week 1 all students in Years 3 - 10 will be involved in **OLE! Week 2017**.

As part of an extended OLE! social service opportunity, we are offering a Fiji-based **nine day** cross cultural experience for students in Year 9. Dates for this activity are in **October 2017**.

### Programme Summary

The aims of the programme for students travelling to Fiji are to provide a social service opportunity which links with the Year 9 Global Perspectives curriculum. However learning benefits are not confined to the curriculum alone and students will also gain a great deal from participating in the activity. It will include:

- providing Oxley College students enrichment and exposure to a developing world culture;
- involvement in the education of children in a school environment by running classes and teaching English, IT and/or Social Sciences, as well as taking other valuable opportunities to contribute to the local village community;
- the encouragement and support of each other in a new situations;
- experiencing beautiful local attractions, village life and appreciation of the wonderful island location.

### Additional Information

We will provide a more thorough information package for this trip, however some initial basic travel details are set out below:

- **To and from Sydney:** A bus between Sydney Airport and the College will be provided at both ends of the trip.
- **Cost:** We will make every effort to keep the costs of this trip reasonable and accessible. We approximate that the trip, including air fares and accommodation, will be within the range of \$2,000.

- **Immunisations:** Not compulsory but families should consult individually with their GP if they have any concerns.
- **Passports:** At least 6 months validity is required on your passport in order to participate in this trip.
- **Travel insurance:** details of travel insurance will be provided nearer to departure.
- **Visa requirements:** No visa is required.



### Trip Overview

The trip is broken up into two main parts:

Part 1: On Robinson Crusoe Island, students will begin their social service journey by working with their Oxley teachers to learn techniques and ways to interact with local students through a combination of game playing and team building skills. The time spent on Robinson Crusoe Island is an important introduction so that students are not overwhelmed when they arrive at Korovou Village for the second part of their opportunity.

Part 2: On the main island at Korovou Village students will use their newly learned skills to teach and interact with local village students from kindergarten age to similar ages to themselves. The established ties that have been formed, through existing relationships with Oxley and Mrs Akisi Philipson, who is the Chief's daughter of Korovou Village, will enable our students to be warmly welcomed and allow for stronger involvement with the local Fijians.

Oxley College has been involved with Korovou Village since 2008 and in the intervening years Oxley Houses Durack and Florey have continued to fundraise for the Korovou Village School. Students attending the Fiji overseas social service opportunity will continue to build on these relationships and gain personal ownership by their own contribution to these intrinsic projects.

We hope that you are excited by this activity and consider it as your overseas social service opportunity for 2017.

Regards,

Michael Parker  
Headmaster