

Emmanuel College Latest News

Student Indigenous Immersion trips at Emmanuel

During the Term 2 school holidays, students embarked on two Indigenous Immersion trips as part of Emmanuel's NAIDOC week celebrations. As a FIRE Carrier school, Emmanuel College remains committed to reconciliation and the promotion of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

Students from NDC travelled to Dalby in Queensland, while another group of students from SPC travelled to Port Augusta in South Australia. Participants at both campuses found the experience deeply enriching as it offered meaningful insights into Indigenous culture and perspectives that challenged their thinking. See page 2 for some insightful student testimonials.

Applications for Year 7, 2027 – close Friday 15 August 2025

If you have a child in Year 5 and you would like to apply for Year 7 2027 at the Notre Dame or St Paul's Campus, applications close on Friday 15 August 2025.

Please ensure that you submit your application before the closing date.

[Click here to apply online](#)

If you have any questions regarding the online application process, please contact:
Ms Donna Grech, College Registrar - 8325 5100, enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hendricks
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This year we made our way to South Australia on the 2025 Indigenous Immersion Trip, joined by the Dusty Feet Mob and our friends from Bethel Camp up in Queensland. On this four-day immersion we got to partake in a range of activities, dances and games to deepen our bonds with one another and learn many amazing things about this land and the many generations of stories that come with it. As a group we had the opportunity to come together and develop a better understanding of ourselves and the people around us and establish a profound connection with where we come from and enjoy the gift of unity with so many people from different backgrounds. Seth Richards (Year 12)



During the holidays I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to go across to South Australia to go on the Indigenous Immersion Trip. This was such a cool experience seeing and hearing stories from some Indigenous elders from that area. We got to do some fun activities such as cooking a Kangaroo tail on the fire. This was such a fun trip to participate in. Jeremy Cassar (Year 11)

Over the holidays, eight students in Years 10-12 and two teachers from the Notre Dame Campus visited the small Queensland town of Dalby to take part in the annual Indigenous Immersion Trip. In Dalby, we stayed at local Dhiyaan Bethel Farm, a local farm run by Uncle Billy and his family. Over four days, we learnt spirituality and Aboriginal culture, helped out on the farm, and got to know the Dhiyaan community and each other. Throughout the trip we engaged with numerous aspects of Bethel Farm life as we toured the gardens, assisted with farm work, and took part in opportunities to fully experience everything the farm had to offer. The trip was an incredible experience and provided us with insights into the frameworks that build the foundation for our cultures and the experiences of Aboriginal communities in Australia. Everybody on the trip has an amazing time, and we've all returned to school more informed and enlightened. Samuel Bonser (Year 11)

