Outline

The South East Asia trip is seen as a ‘rite of passage’ for JCS students. During the trip students will take greater responsibility for themselves and their possessions. The trip is the essence of ‘real life learning’. This is one of the most challenging camps we offer at JCS. It forms an integral part of our social and emotional development programme and is also a fun trip and well-earned break from school (and winter) in Term Three.

The South East Asia trip is a chance for students to experience and learn about new people and places. Students will experience different culture, foods, spirituality and ways of life. As they interact with people living vastly different lives to them they are presented with learning opportunities where they must see themselves and their own situation in a different light. As Australia becomes increasingly economically, socially, politically and culturally connected with South East Asia, this camp will also help students to develop a cultural and human understanding that will enable them to be informed, considered and effective members of their community and wider society.

South East Asia and its countries are our closest neighbours. In the future an ability to communicate with and understand the people from these countries will give students advantages in a number of areas including business, politics and community development.

The South East Asia trip is a six day five night camp. Please be aware students will need a valid passport. JCS does not require students to be immunised and this is at the discretion of parents and students. Please refer to the DEFAT website for recommendations.

Dates:  Sunday 11th Sept - Saturday 17th Sept (TBC)

Times:  All students to arrive at the Tullamarine airport by 3 hours prior to departure.

Parents please be at airport at the time of scheduled arrival into Melbourne. You will be notified if there are delays prior to boarding.

Costs:  $1100 flight deposit plus travel money of $450

The flight deposit will secure the flight for the trip. The travel money will cover food, accommodation, equipment hire, activities & shopping.

Accommodation:  We will be staying at various locations in Phuket and on Phi Phi Island (Yet to be determined).

Transport:  Students will travel by plane, taxi, boat and other modes of transport depending on the location.

Activities:  Following in line with the student code of conduct, students will be expected to participate in all activities and be responsible for their own actions. Some of the activities are surfing, bushwalking, swimming, boating and initiative activities. All activities are fully staffed by both qualified JCS staff and qualified staff hired to run individual activities. Some activities reliant on the right weather conditions, so JCS staff will use their discretion as to whether or not certain activities will run.

Staffing:  Number of JCS staff attending camp: 2

Emergency contact details:  All JCS staff attending the camp will have mobile phones. The numbers are available below.

There is also a list of relevant contact details at the end of this document

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Kate 0406 304 888

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Visas:
Visas are granted on arrival in Thailand.

Deposit:
There is a $1100 deposit for the trip, which needs to be paid prior to flight bookings.

Flights:
All flights will be booked and paid for by JCS.

Insurance:
Students need to take out their own insurance.

Accommodation:
To be organized on arrival in Thailand. Students will find accommodation as a group together. While they will be under supervision, it will be their choice based on budget, comfort, cleanliness etc.

Internal Travel:
Thailand is effectively a Third World country. We cannot guarantee the safety of your child where internal travel arrangements are concerned. Internal travel may include speed boat from Phuket to Phi Phi Island, Long Boat travel around Phi Phi Island, local ‘Tuk Tuk’ and taxi cabs to and from the airport.

Spending Money:
Students must be provided with at least $450 in spending money for the trip. This money will cover food, some accommodation and essential items as well as souvenirs. For safety this money will be delegated to students on a daily basis. Therefore it must be provided to staff before the trip. Students may bring more money, however, they will need to carry the excess funds. All students should be encouraged to earn their own money prior to the trip.

Immunisations:
Please refer to the DEFAT website

Contact:
Throughout the trip staff will be contactable on roaming mobile phones.

Medicines:
Thailand is very strict on all forms of drugs. Any medication must be authorised by JCS staff prior to leaving for Thailand.

All medication MUST be reported to JCS staff and carried by the student. All medication must have prescriptions attached with the name of the prescribing doctor clearly attached. Medication is to be self administered.

Itinerary:
Full itinerary will be provided closer to the departure date.

Essential Items:
Students should be left to pack their own bags based on the list of items contained in this document. We are booked for carry-on luggage only, so keep it light.

South East Asia Trip

Jon Carnegie assisted by Kate Bevan will oversee supervision on the South East Asia trip. During the trip there will be times when your child will be with other children without direct teacher supervision. This is part of the responsibility we hope to establish during the trip. This will always take place in a safe environment and a ‘stationed’ teacher will be available if required. Verbal roles will be taken at the beginning and the end of each major activity.

Among other things, one of the main purposes behind this trip is for your child to learn to be self-sufficient.

- It is your child’s job to pack his/her own bag.
- It is your child’s job to make sure he/she has a valid passport.
- It is your child’s job to work out how he/she will contact you while he is away.
- It is your child’s job to read this document and tell you about it, not the other way around.
- It is your child’s job to KNOW what is happening on the trip.
- Your child’s spending money will need to cover their food, backpacker’s accommodation and internal travel.

This letter is not meant to be alarmist; however we consider it our duty to make you fully aware of the implications of travelling to Thailand. You should also read information on the DFAT web site. Behavior has generally been very good during past TCS trips, and occurrences of any of the following activities are highly unlikely.

This trip is seen as a ‘rites of passage’ for TCS students. During the trip students will take greater responsibility for themselves and their possessions. The trip is the essence of ‘real life learning’. Should you feel your child is not ready for a trip of this nature, please feel free to contact me to discuss the issue. Students not attending the trip will be required to stay at home while the trip is away.

Some students will not be allowed to attend the trip because of irresponsible behaviour during the year. If your child is already at risk, you will be notified. It is essential we can trust all students and feel comfortable they understand the implications of their actions in a foreign country. There is enormous pressure on staff during the trip and it is not in anyone’s interest to add to this pressure by taking students who are not ready for the responsibility of international travel.
What to bring

Students will need to bring the following:

- Passport
- Money belt
- Travel pillow (optional for plane)
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Walking shoes
- Sandals or warm weather shoes
- Hat (Very important)
- Sleep wear
- Bathers/Board shorts
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- A change of warm clothes
- A warm Jacket
- Lunch for the first day, or money to buy lunch
- Tropical strength insect repellent
- Daypack
- Drink bottle
- 2 L of water

JCS reserves the right to check all bags before students are allowed to attend the camp. Cigarettes, lighters and any other contraband will be confiscated and not returned.

Mobile phones and personal computer games are permitted on the camp however they may be confiscated prior to leaving or at any time during the camp. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

South East Asia Activities

The purpose of these activities is for students to participate in and enjoy a range of educational activities that will contribute to the development of their confidence, self-esteem, motivation, skill level, fitness, initiative and working as a team. Activities will include:

- Beach Games
- Personal Development
- Cave Walk
- Boat Trip
- Monkey Island
- Night Markets
- Local exchange
- English teaching
- Volunteer project

Safety

Beach

We will be visiting a number of beaches for a number of recreation purposes. Please be aware students will be visiting unpatrolled beaches. It will be made clear to students they are only able to swim when instructed by a JCS staff member. At all times students will be supervised by staff when at the beach and by lifeguards at patrolled beaches.
Important Information

The use or carrying of drugs is punishable by death in some countries.

Any student found in possession of illegal substances will be returned to Australia immediately and charged by police on arrival home.

Contact List

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| Lifeline - 24 Hour Service | 13 11 14 |
| Alcohol and Drugs | 1800 136 385 |
| Crime Victim Services | 1800 819 817 |
| Family Drug Support | 1300 368 186 |
| Kids Help Line | 1800 55 1800 |
| Poisons Information Centre | 13 11 26 |

More contact details will be emailed out closer to the time of the trip, if you have any questions relating to these contact details please contact us on (03) 9041 5297.