NAVIGATOR COLLEGE

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 21st October
Twilight Markets 5-8pm

Monday 24th – 28th October
Year 7 Canberra Trip

Thursday 27th - 28th October
Year 3 Camp

Friday 28th October
Year 12’s Last Day

Monday 31st October – 3rd November
Year 10 Bushwalk

Monday 7th – 18th November
Year 12 Exams

TERM 4:
Ends - Thursday 15th December (3.10pm)

2017 START DATES:
Monday 30th January
ELC starts

Tuesday 31st January
Year 12 Student’s Leadership Day

Wednesday 1st February
ALL STUDENTS start

PLAYGROUP
Every Wednesday during the term from
9:15am to 10:15am in the Trades Skills Centre.

ONLINE SERVICES
ManageBac Reporting
www.navigatormanagebac.com

BLOG POSTS
Check out the latest blog posts on the College Website or through the College App.

UNIFORM SHOP
Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30 - 10.30am
Thursday 2.30 - 4.30pm

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YEAR 11 STUDENTS RETURN FROM INDONESIAN TOUR
Jamie Fewster, Head of Senior School

As Christians, God calls us to love Him by loving and serving others. As a response to this call, Navigator College has worked closely with the Lutheran Church in Indonesia (GKPS), building a partnership with one of its schools and orphanages. A pivotal aspect of this partnership is the opportunity for our Year 11 students to visit the school (SMA GKPS) and the BKIM Orphanage as part of the Service Learning program.

This year, 15 Year 11 students travelled over to North Sumatra to take part in the Service Learning trip. They experienced first-hand the living conditions that many Indonesian people live in, and the culture that they live by. They were confronted with issues such as Palm Oil plantations, transport, cold showers and squat toilets. Not to mention some slightly exotic food!

The obvious focus of the trip is service. There were many ways in which this manifested itself, but a significant amount of time was dedicated to teaching English in the school, a skill which for many Indonesian students is their ticket for employment other than farm work. Each Navigator student taught English to the SMA GKPS Yr 10 and 11 students, as well as themselves learning some Indonesian language and cooking. Everyone grew in their music ability as well, with a daily dose of singing and dancing!

The students also had the opportunity to visit the BKIM Orphanage. This certainly was a highlight of the trip, as students built and developed relationships with the children there. It was certainly a blessing when the Navigator students were presented with an Ulfos (a formal hand-woven garment worn at celebrations) from the children at the orphanage – a valuable gift from those who have so little.

A TRULY UNIQUE AND LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS

The two-week journey was an eye-opening experience for all involved. All students have returned home with much greater appreciation for what they have in Australia and a commitment to serve in any way that they can.

As Jesus says: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these … you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

“The Service Learning Trip is a truly unique experience for our students. The opportunity to live someone else’s daily life, sharing in their beliefs and values, develops understanding and empathy greater than any classroom learning. Our students grow in many ways and are often overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity of the Indonesian people.” Susan Hopping (Staff)

“I think it really confirmed for me just how underserving I am of being more privileged than other people in the world and fuelled a passion to contribute to better distribution of resources and just general love, like they do, wherever I can. I’ve got a lot to work on.”

Sarah Murchison

“A highlight of this trip was definitely teaching. Interacting with the students and helping them to learn is rewarding in so many ways.”

Stacey Hier

“The Service Learning Trip to Indonesia was an amazing and life-changing experience. Not only was I given the opportunity to connect and inspire those living in the places we were lucky enough to visit, but the loving and generous nature of the Indonesian culture helped me see how incredibly fortunate I am.”

Michaela Webb