



Week Without Walls 2017-18

Grade 10 Sedili Besar, Malaysia

Oct 23 – Oct 27 2017

June, 2017

Dear Grade 10 parents and guardians,

Welcome to Week Without Walls 2017-18. We are excited to announce we are finalising plans for our Week Without Walls 2017-18 school trips. We have an exciting grade-level trip being planned for the week of 23rd – 27th October, 2017. During The Week Without Walls (WWW) we *Educate to Make a Difference* by fostering cultural exchange and learning through a range of meaningful, practical and authentic experiences.

Rationale

Taking learning beyond the classroom expands learners' understanding of the curriculum and its possible applications as well as contributing to their individual development. These trips create learning experiences that encourage each student to realise their potential. Week Without Walls is one of the building blocks that assist in creating success in a child's academic life and beyond. It continues to offer the opportunity to develop an individual's physical, social and emotional wellbeing, a healthy and positive disposition, connectedness with others, and self-awareness. Every Week Without Walls trip will provide the opportunity for personal development, to learn and contribute to local and other communities, and for adventure.

Sedili Besar

Sedili Besar is a small village on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia, only a 90-minute coach ride from Johor Bahru and just over four hours from Kuala Lumpur. This quaint village relies predominantly on fishing and maintains a strong cultural and traditional identity.

At the edge of the village, Tanjung Sutera Resort provides excellent trip accommodation. With comfortable air-conditioned rooms, a swimming pool and a large restaurant, it is possible to comfortably accommodate a wide variety of group sizes. Views from the resort are spectacular, overlooking offshore islands.

Our project and curriculum work includes: **Tropical Rainforest Ecosystems** - rainforest ecology and conservation (species diversity, tree height, infiltration rate, soil type, freshwater streams, peat swamps, evidence of human impact). **Aquaculture, Agriculture, Palm Oil** - scientific exploration, sustainability, land use (visits to organic mushroom farm, intensive chicken farm, palm oil plantations, sustainable aquaculture facility for farming prawns, local fishing village). **Sedili Shore** - intertidal zones, rocky seashore, adaptation of organisms, ocean and pollution, erosional and depositional processes (ocean conservancy, hands-on sandy beach clean up). **Rohingya Refugee School** - teaching English, developing facilities, building community (minority group from Myanmar, no rights in Malaysia, protected by the UN, cultural interaction). **Team Building and Low-Ropes Course** - (physical challenges, common goals,



communication, leadership, critical thinking, with environmental and conservation themes throughout).

Please note the following information:

- **The trips are mandatory for all ISS students and organised for the entire grade level.**
- Your child **must** have a valid passport with an expiry date **no sooner** than **May 1, 2018**.
- A **visa** must be purchased by your child by **16th October, 2017** (if required). The cost is not included in trip fees.

Key Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th September – Complete payment due of SGD1150 (an invoice will be sent)

Wednesday 6th September - Parent information evening at ISS Preston, 7pm in the Hall

Friday 29th September – All necessary paperwork completed from Phat Tire

Monday 23rd October - Trip departs from ISS, Preston campus at 6am.

Friday 27th October- Trip returns to ISS, Preston Campus.

Regards

Nicola Zulu (Mrs.)

High School Principal