



AFAS IMMERSION PROGRAM 2023

‘Contributing gifts and talents towards the development of young men of Gospel values who seek the common good.’

Villanova College is an educational community that is committed to the formation of the whole person within a faith community that puts into action our values of humility, interiority, restless search for truth and community. We aim to provide opportunities for students and staff to learn about local and global justice issues; join together with others as part of a common humanity; and act together for justice and peace in our world. Immersions are valuable and valid educational experiences that empower the College community in realising God’s vision of justice for all. Through student immersions we strive to develop mutually beneficial relationships with communities in the Majority World that allows us to live out our vision and mission.





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The following **major themes** form the basis of an immersion program in the Philippines:

- **Global Solidarity**
- **Social Justice**
- **Ecological sustainability**
- **Intercultural understanding**
- **Faith-based responses to Justice**

Program Structure

The program is divided into 3 parts:

Preparation: including an exploration of reasons for going, building of background knowledge of the history and context, preparation for cross-cultural interactions, fundraising.

Immersion: the two weeks in the Philippines.

Return and action: debriefing the experience and exploring ongoing supported action back in our own community at Villanova College.

Details

Who?	Yr. 10, 11 & 12 students 3-4 Staff members
When?	2 weeks (<i>dates to be confirmed</i>) 23 Nov – 9 Dec 2023
Where?	Cebu and Bacolod and surrounds
Cost?	\$4 000 - \$4 500 (<i>to be confirmed</i>). Can be paid in instalments

Key Experiences

- Partnering with students from Augustinian Schools in the Philippines
- Meeting AFAS scholars and the community projects where Villanova is enabling great work to happen across the last 30 years
- Engaging with community based projects reaching out to people in need
- Growing in understanding of how local and global structures often disadvantage people

Next Steps

- Complete application <https://forms.office.com/r/FNZ0tGwjRb>
- Applications due **Monday 29th May**
- Interviews
- Notification of successful applicants
- Preparation in Term 3 and 4, 2023