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Dear Parents & Caregivers

Missions Trip 2024: Philippines

After COVID restrictions forced us to take a break from International Mission Trips, I'm excited to announce Elim Christian College is relaunching our annual school mission trips. During Monday's assembly, Mike Griffiths, our Elim Executive Pastor, and myself, Daniel Charman, introduced the students to what missions are all about and discussed the proposed trip to the Philippines. Right now, we are looking for students who are interested in joining us on this journey. If your child is interested and you support sending them, please let us know!

The Details:

What: Missions Trip 2024: Philippines

Destinations:

- Manila Children's Club, Sunday services and kids church, visit a school as teacher assistants, serving students in school, chapel service, outreach at local school.
- Coron visit school, teaching assistants, serving students, church service, youth group, sightseeing islands, hot springs.

Who: Botany Campus Year 12 & 13 students (10 Students)

Trip Leaders/Staff: 1. Daniel Charman, 2. TBC.

Dates: Tentatively 28th November - 12th December 2024

Costs: \$4,000 approximately

Purpose:

- To reach: Our mission is rooted in Jeremiah 29:11 the belief that every individual is destined for hope and a promising future. We aim to reach, serve, and influence others, spreading encouragement and faith.
- To grow disciples: Following the commandment in Matthew 28:19, we strive to cultivate disciples with a Kingdom-minded perspective, expanding their understanding beyond our local congregation to embrace the global community.
- To develop maturity: Through service and partnership, we seek to grow maturity and interdependence, echoing the principles of John 13:14.

Our mission trip aims not only to impact the communities we serve but also to transform the lives of our participants, fostering a deeper sense of compassion, service, and faith.

Next Steps:

Please have a chat with your son/daughter to see if this is something you are interested in. If you are interested or want to hear more, please complete the <u>Expression of Interest form</u>. You will receive an invitation to the information evening in due time. Missions Trips are aimed towards Year 12 and 13 students. However, if you are a parent of a year 11 student, you are welcome to come to the information evening.

Kind regards

Daniel Charman B.Ed.