



28 March 2024

2025 Harvest Cambodia Service-Learning Opportunity

Dear Parents and Carers

The 2025 Harvest Cambodia Service-Learning opportunity was launched to our students during an assembly for Years 10, 11 and 12 (for 2025) earlier this term. It is a very exciting opportunity that will see students and supporting staff travel with Harvest Cambodia to work with and assist the Stepping Stones School community in Kok Thnort, Cambodia. This 10-day adventure is set to take place during the first week of the September holidays in 2025 (actual dates TBC). TLC are very proud to be able to extend this opportunity to our community. A community service experience like this is as much a chance for learning as any other program offered at The Lakes College and will be sure to ignite and grow a passion in many of our students for community service, social justice and community transformation. It is a fabulous thing to watch as students challenge themselves by learning a new skill, in a new environment whilst away from home.

Harvest Cambodia is an Australian charity led by two Australian school teachers, Doug and Izzy Shobbroock (<https://harvestcambodia.com/>). Harvest Cambodia serves the Kok Thnort community by providing free education and shelter in the form of locally built houses to local Khmer families. The Stepping Stones School was established in 2011 and provides educational services to over 500 students a week.

We are calling for expressions of interest for students to take part in a service-learning trip. The Lakes College will be seeking 14 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 (2025) to form a team, fundraise and prepare to learn and serve in a subsistence community for 10 days. Students who are excited to serve in a life-changing and transformative way are invited to apply.

Attached is a flyer where Harvest Cambodia have detailed what the service-learning trip to Cambodia would include. At this stage we are anticipating that the cost of this adventure will be at an approximate cost of \$6,500 per student. This will include flights, accommodation, insurance, meals (breakfast/lunch/dinner) and all activities associated with this service-learning program.

Accommodation in Cambodia will be in the city of Siem Reap. Siem Reap, a resort town in North-Western Cambodia, is the gateway to the ruins of Angkor, the seat of the Khmer Kingdom from the 9th–15th centuries. Angkor's vast complex of intricate stone buildings includes preserved Angkor Wat, the main temple, which is pictured on Cambodia's flag. The city is very accommodating of tourists and visitors the world over.

To apply, please send a one-page application telling us why you would like to serve with the Harvest Cambodia team in the Stepping Stones School and represent The Lakes College in building a house for a poor family. Please send applications to Mrs Anna Doré via email: adore@thelakes.qld.edu.au.

Sincerely

Mrs Anna Doré
Deputy Principal | People & Culture

Harvest Cambodia and Stepping Stones School Cambodia invite you to join the:

Cambodia School Tour 2025 to Siem Reap

21st - 30th
September
2025



5 days

Community Project



1 day

Temple and Floating Village Tour



1 day

Phnom Kulen Waterfall Trip

Package Includes:

- ✓ Twin share hotel accomodation
- ✓ Breakfasts and lunches
- ✓ Tourist activities
- ✓ Stepping Stones School project
- ✓ Community building project
- ✓ Donation to Stepping Stones
- ✓ Arrival and Departure Dinner
- ✓ All in country transport
- ✓ Pre-departure and in country support by experienced Australian and Khmer team

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We are very excited to be offering this trip and are dedicated to ensuring that it is a huge success for both you and the Khmer community.

Sunday 21st September:

Morning: Airport Pickup transfers to City River Hotel as needed
12:00pm: Lunch and induction including, language lesson, cultural information and practical trip information
2:00pm: Walking tour of Siem Reap
5:30pm: Group welcome dinner

Monday 22nd September - Thursday 26th September:

8:00am: Pick up at City River Hotel.
9:00am - 1:00pm: Building project. Lunch and snacks provided.
1:00pm - 4:30pm: Volunteer participation at Stepping Stones School
5:00pm: Return to hotel
Group Dinner at own leisure

Friday 27th September:

8:00am: Pick up at City River Hotel.
8:30am - 12:00pm: Market visit and purchase of items for family
12:00pm - 4:00pm: Building blessing ceremony
4:00- 8:00pm: BBQ Dinner, games and activities at Stepping Stones School
9:00pm: Return to hotel

Saturday 28th September:

8:30am: Temple small circuit (Lunch in temples provided)
3:00pm Return to Siem Reap
Evening: Night Markets

Sunday 29th September:

8:30am: Depart City River Hotel for day trip to Phnom Kulen Waterfalls
5:00pm: Return to Siem Reap

Monday 30th September:

Morning: Free Time for swimming, shopping, sleeping etc.
Evening Sunset Cruise and Farewell Dinner

Tuesday 31 September:

12:00pm Hotel Check out and hotel transfers as needed

Itinerary may
change if
needed

