



*A School in the Tradition
of St. Francis of Assisi*

Melbourne Central Catholic High School
and
Saint Patrick Catholic School
Saint Croix Mission Trip Application

Completed forms are due to the Front Office by:
April 26, 2017

Melbourne Central Catholic High School Mission Application

Melbourne Central Catholic is pleased to continue its partnership with St. Patrick School in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

Students from MCC will serve the community of St. Croix during a four day period from February 18th, 2018 through February 24th, 2018. During the trip, students will have the opportunity to volunteer at St. Patrick's school, the local soup kitchen, orphanage, handicap home, and learn about the rich culture and history of St. Croix.

Students who wish to be considered for this mission trip must complete the attached Mission Trip Application by April 26th, 2017. Application is open to all MCC students who will be a junior or senior during the 2017-2018 school year. Any student who wishes to be considered for this opportunity, must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative weighted grade point average. Students will be required to attend monthly meetings and participate in activities leading up to the trip to prepare for this experience. Students will also be required to work two shifts over the summer during the Catholic Heartwork Camp retreat. This retreat takes place on the campus of MCC during the week of July 8-14th.. If a student is unable to fulfill these requirements, his or her space will be lost and given to a student on the wait list. Students need to be aware that the trip is scheduled during the school year; students will be responsible for making up assignments while on this trip. Final cost of the trip will not be determined until the airline tickets are purchased. Estimated costs of the trip are expected to be \$1,500.00.

A principal-appointed Faculty Council will use the information provided for selection.

Prospective applicants will need to print the application in its entirety. Please complete all sections. Type or neatly print all forms and type the required essays. Submit the completed application by the published deadline. **Do not be modest.** Every bit of information will be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of this application does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this trip, please contact Mrs. Terry at terryc@melbournecc.org .

The completed application form is due to the Front Office by April 26th, 2017. Applicants will need to provide blank recommendation forms to teachers prior to the deadline. Please be considerate of deadlines. Teachers will give completed recommendation forms directly to the committee.

Applicants will be notified of the Faculty Council's decision by mail.

Section B. *The following sections must be completed:*

Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

Grade	Leadership Position	Activity or Organization	Supervising Adult

Service Activities

List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please ask an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity to sign on the appropriate line, and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service. List hours spent per week, and indicate how many weeks or what months of the year if this is not a weekly occurrence .

Grade	Activity	Hours of Service	Supervising Adult

Other Student Activities

List all other school-based activities (*not* noted above) in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

Year	Activity	Accomplishments	Supervising Adult

Other Community Activities:

List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Year	Activity	Accomplishments	Supervising Adult

Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards

Please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received . Work experience may be paid or volunteer. List hours per week.

Year	Job, Recognition , Award	Group, Activity, Business	# of Hours	Adult Supervisor

Section C.

Essays

Please respond to two out of the three essay prompts. Type the essays, double-spaced, and attach them to your application.

REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Each essay should be at least one page long.

- A. Why do you feel called to go on the mission trip? What do you hope to experience?
- B. It is essential to be able to work well with others while on a mission trip. Describe how you are able to positively contribute to a collaborative group. What special qualities, talents or skills do you have that enable you to work well with others?
- C. A mission trip calls upon leaders or people with leadership qualities to help serve others both abroad and in our local community. In what ways will you positively influence your peers and the local community once you return from your trip?

Section D.

Transcript

A copy of your transcript will be requested on your behalf.

Section E. Recommendations

Please provide a minimum of two recommendations from your teachers. Both should be from a teacher who knows your ability and character. Please give only the recommendation page to the teacher.

Teachers from whom I am requesting recommendations:

1. _____
2. _____

Section F. Signature

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the Study Abroad Program. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the MCC-Mission Trip.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete. If selected, I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the trip.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommendation Form

Give directly to teacher to complete and return to the Front Office

TO APPLICANT:

Please provide a minimum of two recommendations from a faculty/staff member. Both should be from someone who knows your ability and character. Please give only the recommendation page to the teacher. This recommendation is confidential between the teacher and the selection committee. Please give recommendation directly to the teacher.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

TO RECOMMENDING FACULTY/STAFF MEMBER:

Thank you for filling out this recommendation to Melbourne Central Catholic's Mission Program. In order to attend, a student must not only excel in scholarship, but also in leadership, character and service. We ask that you rank this student on these four areas. This form is confidential to you and the selection committee. Please check the box that is appropriate.

	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Scholarship					
Character					
Leadership					
Service					
Overall recommendation for the trip.					

What attributes do you believe would make this student a good candidate for mission work?

What comes to mind when you think of this student?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about this student? If you marked "poor" in the chart above- please explain.

Thank you for your time. Please return this form to the Front Office by **April 26, 2017**.

Teacher: _____
(printed name) (signature)

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