



**VOLUNTEER LA SALLE:**

**2016/2017**

**CAMBODIA**

Lasallian Volunteer programs operate in many parts of the world with a connection to the De La Salle Brothers who provide dedicated Volunteers for a stipulated period of time in service to schools and agencies of the Brothers whose Mission is to serve the poor. Acting out of **faith**, rooted in the Gospel, and sharing **community** with the Brothers and other Lasallians, the Volunteers empower the poor by personalised **service** primarily through education. Lasallian Volunteers change the world for the better and discover themselves transformed in the process.

### **LA SALLE PO THUM, CAMBODIA**

The De La Salle Brothers originally arrived in Cambodia in 1906 and established some very well-regarded schools in Phnom Penh. However, due to the changing and volatile political situation, they were forced to flee the country in 1972.

The Brothers from Vietnam returned to Cambodia about ten years ago after a request from the Bishop of Phnom Penh to educate the poor. This demographic includes poor Cambodian and migrant Vietnamese children.

On January 6, 2006, a new house was blessed by the Bishop of the diocese of Phnom Penh and was named 'De La Salle House'. This day - January 6 - was chosen in remembrance of 140 years since the first six French Brothers came to Vietnam (January 6, 1866).

The Brothers are hoping not just to educate the children directly but to help the local community understand the value of literacy, numeracy and education.

La Salle School opened in December 2011. This school will accommodate up to 200 children but the Brothers are already planning the second stage of development, with an adjacent parcel of land already purchased for the expansion of the school. This complements the small hostel run in central Phnom Penh to support young disadvantaged boys in accessing education.



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### **CAMBODIA...WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?**

Whatever is needed. In past years, Lasallian Volunteers have taught basic English to students from Kindergarten to High School, helped up-skill the young teachers, painted murals, performed basic maintenance work, held craft classes, mowed grass and planted trees, run health checks, cleaned and reorganized the library, played lots of sport and spent time with the children from the village. Whatever your skills are, La Salle, Po Thum can use them!

### **2016/2017 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (proposed)**

Thursday 29 December 2016	Gather in Phnom Penh, Cambodia Hotel Accommodation (modestly priced)
<i>Monday 02 January 2017</i>	Preparation / induction / sight-seeing / purchasing resources <i>Travel to Po Thum by tuk-tuk</i> <i>Volunteer program at La Salle School, Po Thum commences</i>
Friday 13 January 2017	Final day & debriefing at La Salle, Po Thum
<i>Saturday 14 January 2017</i>	<i>Travel to Phnom Penh</i> <i>Conclusion of Volunteer Program</i>

### **COMMITMENTS TO JOIN THE PROGRAM**

- Financial                      Cost of travel to/from and around Cambodia, as well as hotel accommodation in Phnom Penh. A contribution for food and hospitality in Po Thum will be required. Travel insurance is covered by Lasallian Mission Council however should you wish to take out your own insurance, especially for travel pre and post the program, it is advisable.
- Professional                Ability to bring to the program particular skills to share in and with the community. "Working With Children" and Police checks.
- Spiritual community.      Openness to share prayer/reflection and celebrate liturgy with the
- Personal                      Time and energy to prepare for and debrief the volunteer experience.

### **TIMELINE TO PO THUM**

Friday 14 October '16	Expressions of interest and submission of Application Form close
Friday 28 October '16	Shortlisting of the group of volunteers
Friday 18 November '16	Confirmation of flight details to/from Cambodia & post-program travel
Thursday 29 December '16	Volunteers gather in Phnom Penh

Monday 02 January '17  
Friday 13 January '17

Commencement of volunteer program at La Salle, Po Thum  
Depart La Salle, Po Thum

### **CAMBODIA...WHAT WOULD IT COST?**

ABSOLUTE BASE COST would come to just over \$1750.00 **plus** your own spending money, some food costs and medical preparations: for example = as at 24/08/16:

- Air fare: Sydney to Singapore to Phnom Penh (return) on Singapore Airlines = \$1318.00
- Travel insurance ([www.comparetravelinsurance.com.au](http://www.comparetravelinsurance.com.au)) = from \$60.00 (optional for pre/post travel)
- Hotel accommodation (4 nights in Phnom Penh) = \$165.00
- School donation (food/accommodation & donation to the community) = \$200.00
- Visa for Cambodia = \$30.00

TOTAL = \$1773.00

***PLUS** your own spending money, medical preparations, personal food costs, internal travel, costs associated with food, travel and accommodation for those continuing after January 14, 2017.*

### **VOLUNTEER LA SALLE: CAMBODIA...HOW DO I APPLY?**

1. Complete the online APPLICATION FORM:

<http://www.delasalle.org.au/about-us/lasallian-volunteers>

2. Email to: [vls@delasalle.org.au](mailto:vls@delasalle.org.au) or

3. Contact Br Tony for an application form: [anthonycummins@delasalle.org.au](mailto:anthonycummins@delasalle.org.au)

**APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2016**