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Summer Schools provide exhilarating academic experiences

Summer Schools at Trinity College are exciting two-week academic programs for academically able students in Forms 3, 4 and 5. Taking place in December, the Summer Schools provide a unique intellectual and residential opportunity: to live on the historic campus of Trinity College in the University of Melbourne and learn with other students from Australia and around the world.

There are two types of Summer School, the Creative Thinking Summer School at Trinity College (for students in Forms 3-4) and the University of Melbourne Science Summer School at Trinity College (for students in Form 5). In 2006, the Science Summer School is being offered for the tenth successive year.

Both programs offer exciting opportunities for students to experience a taste of university life. Participants are intellectually inspired and challenged by leading academics in a range of subject areas, enjoy stimulating extracurricular activities, and build understanding and friendships with other talented young people.

In Creative Thinking, students are challenged by a curriculum designed to stimulate critical thinking, communication and problem-solving. All students have the opportunity to develop analytical skills through the use of world-leading argument-mapping techniques. They also experience sample lectures in fields as diverse as fluid mechanics and bioethical law which are presented by academics of the University of Melbourne.

In the Science Summer School, students take part of an eye-opening series of lectures, hands-on laboratory sessions and field-trips with University of Melbourne academic staff, designed to provide them with a broad array of experience in different areas of science, hands-on experience with technical equipment, and introduce them to research and presentation skills.

Both programs feature a university-style lecture-tutorial format, and also provide many hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.

Students live on campus at Trinity College, developing self-reliance, and experiencing the sense of community and exchange of ideas, knowledge and cultures that residential university students do. All Summer School students have a mentor – a high-achieving undergraduate student at the University of Melbourne – who is closely involved in their day-to-day welfare.

In addition to a full schedule of academic activities, a wide range of extracurricular activities ensures that the Summer Schools are full of fun and social opportunities. These include visits to Melbourne attractions such as the Queen Victoria Market, a night of entertainment at the theatre, Aussie barbecues and bush dances, and an adventure camp on the Mornington Peninsula, among other activities.

Students truly embrace the chance to make friends with others from different countries, cultures, and interests – making it difficult to part when the Summer Schools draw to a close! Many have stayed in touch with each other, and their mentors, for years after they've attended.

Interested students and their parents have the opportunity to meet the Director of Summer Schools, Mr Vincent Ramos, at a **Summer Schools Information Session, on Saturday, 12 August, 2006, commencing at 10.30am.**

For students and parents interested in **Trinity College Foundation Studies** – including the February Main Program 2007 – interviews will be held **on Friday, 11 August, 2006, between 2.30pm and 5.00pm.** Appointments are necessary.

The venue for both sessions is **JM Education Counselling Centre, 36-38, Jalan SS 15/8, 47500 Subang Jaya. For enquiries and appointments, please contact Carrie at 03-5633 4732 or 016-6191883.**



With the Bishops' building behind them, Trinity College students relax on campus.