



FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND ECO IMMERSION

2023

Inspired by Laudato Si'



INSTITUTE OF
SISTERS *of* MERCY
OF AUSTRALIA & PAPUA NEW GUINEA



SEVILLE MERCY CONFERENCE CENTRE

A Mercy* home for Laudato Si'

A unique facility, founded by the Sisters of Mercy, nestled in a tranquil, tropical setting in the city of Cairns. The Sisters of Mercy are committed to the spirit of mercy and hospitality inspired by their founder Catherine McAuley. This spirit continues to thrive as, together with the staff at Seville, they offer these gifts through the provision of extravagant hospitality.

"MERCY impels us to extravagant **HOSPITALITY, COMPASSION and **JUSTICE** in the earth community being shattered by displacement." Chapter statement, Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (**ISM PNG**)*

Seville provides a welcoming base for groups to gather, engage, relax and retreat. As a conference centre, Seville embraces sustainable, eco-friendly practices centering around care for the earth and social responsibility.

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- Mindful recycling and composting of waste
 - Promoting biodiversity
 - Energy efficient practices
 - Rehabilitation of vegetation native to the area of our Mercy Creek rainforest
 - Beehive project
 - Minimal use of herbicides and pesticides within our grounds
 - Natural and eco-friendly cleaning agents
 - Supporting Rosies – Friends on the Street
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We adapt our retreats, eco spiritual sessions and immersive experiences to your needs, including any specific dietary requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your requirements.

A Mercy Home for Laudato Si'

Guided by our Mercy tradition, Seville Mercy Conference Centre is inspired by **Laudato Si'** (Pope Francis' encyclical on the care for our common home) to embrace the principles of sustainability and ecological conversion. Through engagement with the natural world, we encourage groups to reflect on the ecological crisis: forming connections between God the Creator, humanity and nature. Our aim is to inspire students to respond to the call to action in caring for our common home – for this generation and the ones to follow.

Environmental care is integral to the Christian faith and, as such, we offer an invitation to spiritual encounter with creation through Laudato Si' reflections.

"Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us." (Pope Francis Laudato Si' 84)

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School Packages outlined are based on:

Minimum 25 persons (including 3 teachers free of charge)

Maximum 54 persons including teachers

Optimal months for experiences are May to September



CUSTOMISED PACKAGES AVAILABLE *Please Ask For A Quote*

Conference Centre facilities include:

- Shared or bunk rooms for students
- Shared bathroom facilities
- 3 x ensuite rooms for teachers
- Full linen provided
- Continental breakfast daily
- Hot breakfast daily (Gold Package only)
- Morning and afternoon teas
- Packed picnic lunches
- Hot evening meals
- Conference room for group gathering
- Access to Mercy Creek and rainforest walk

BRONZE PACKAGE

\$2400 (+ GST) per student 5 days/4 nights

Includes:

- Airport transfers
- Indigenous Welcome to Country
- Laudato Si' facilitated reflections and booklet
- Coach with driver
- 3 full day excursions



Short excursions can be arranged for day of arrival/departure if flight time permits and subject to availability

SILVER PACKAGE

\$2800 (+ GST) per student 7 days/6 nights

Includes:

- Airport transfers
- Indigenous Welcome to Country
- Laudato Si' facilitated reflections and booklet
- Coach with driver
- 5 full day excursions



Short excursions can be arranged for day of arrival/departure if flight time permits and subject to availability

GOLD PACKAGE

\$3850 (+ GST) per student 10 days/9 nights

Includes:

- Airport transfers
- Indigenous Welcome to Country and Cultural Experience
- Laudato Si' facilitated reflections and booklet
- Coach with driver
- 8 full day excursions



Short excursions can be arranged for day of arrival/departure if flight time permits and subject to availability

EXCURSIONS

Bronze package; choose 3
Silver package; choose 5
Gold package; choose 8



- Skyrail Rainforest Cableway^e with the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway^c (includes Australian Butterfly Sanctuary^e, Birdworld^e and Koala Gardens^e)
- Mossman Gorge Dreamtime Walk^{ce} and St Monica's Cathedral^c
- Reef trip to Green Island or Fitzroy Island with GBR Biology^e
- Cairns Botanic Gardens^e, Centenary Lakes^e and Cairns Esplanade Lagoon
- Hartley's Crocodile Adventures^e
- Herberton Historical Village^c
- Kuranda Rainforestation^{ce}
- Atherton Tablelands^e tour including Lake Eacham^e and Mungalli Creek Dairy^e
- Daintree Discovery Centre^e
- Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas^e
- Cairns Wildlife Dome^e and Zoom
- Sugarworld Adventure Park (water slides)
- Cairns Aquarium^e
- Mamu Rainforest Walkway^{ce} and Paronella Park^{ce}
- Option for a service activity

All activities are subject to availability at time of booking but alternative activities will be offered if required

Please speak to us to discuss tailor-made itineraries

Key to symbols

^e Eco tourism/Environmental sustainability

^c Cultural heritage



**Quotes from St Vincent's College Potts Point
students 2022 Eco Immersion**

“ Being able to engage with, and learn from, First Nations Peoples and other knowledgeable people has broadened my horizons and inspired me. ”

“ The whole immersion was a really great way to get in touch with nature in a way that was meaningful to me. I feel like the activities and experiences drew a lot out of us in terms of emotions, reflection and a personal call to action. ”

“ An amazing trip. Can't wait to tell others about it. ”

“ Dreamtime Walk opened my mind to the ways in which Indigenous people care for the land. ”



“ The Eco-Experience allowed me to immerse myself in nature and be outside more so I can appreciate and gain knowledge about how to save our planet. ”

“ Thank you so much for this amazing experience. I loved it. ”

“ Allowed me to think in a different way and see the world from a different perspective – great reflections to further understanding. ”

“ The eco experience outings taught me to appreciate nature and to be grateful for the environment what surrounds us. The experience also allowed me to develop my thinking in terms of howl can provide and give back to nature. ”



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More information can be found on our
website www.seville.org.au
Far North Queensland Eco Immersion
for students: **Information for teachers**

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