SYDNEY AND CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA

During the 2014-2015 winter break, Santa Barbara City College is offering a 3-week program in Sydney and Cairns, Australia with a day trip to the Great Barrier Reef. **Sydney** is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world due to its geographic location and its many coves, harbors, and beaches. Sydney is a city blessed with long stretches of beaches, a pleasant climate that sees over 300 sunny days a year, a strong economy, and a stable local government. **Cairns** is located about 1,678 mi from Sydney by road. It is a popular travel destination for tourists because of its tropical climate. It serves as a starting point for people wanting to visit the **Great Barrier Reef** and Far North Queensland. The Reef consists of more than 2,800 coral reefs and was declared a World Heritage Site in 1999. The American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) is the service provider for SBCC’s Australia program.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**While in Sydney:**

- Accommodation in self-catering student accommodation at Sydney University Village in Newtown. Each apartment contains 5 single rooms, 2 bathrooms and an open plan kitchen, dining and living area
- My Mult1 unlimited travel pass for use on buses, ferries, trains and light rail in the central zone of Sydney while in Sydney
- 24-hour ticket for a hop on, hop off public sightseeing tour of Sydney and the Bondi Beach area
- Group welcome meal
- Guided walking tour of The Rocks and a Sydney harbor boat trip
- Visit including entrance fee to the Hyde Park Barracks

- Excursion by private coach to the Tobby Sheep Station. This will include Billy Tea and Damper (bread) on arrival, mustering, yard work and sheep shearing demonstrations, the opportunity to try whip cracking and boomerang throwing plus an Aussie barbeque lunch
- Visit to the Trabuny Aboriginal College
- Daytrip by private coach to Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Center. Activities include a Bush Tucker morning tea, boomerang throwing, a presentation of didgeridoo music and a Yarra walk focusing on traditional uses for native plants and a barbeque lunch

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**While in Cairns:**

- Accommodation in bed and breakfast housing in multi-bedded rooms in a centrally located, tourist class hotel or hostel
- Reef education seminar in the evening before the Great Barrier Reef daytrip
- Full-day cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, including a barbeque buffet lunch, several hours of snorkeling at two Great Barrier Reef locations, equipment hire and safety demonstrations
- Full-day excursion to Kuranda Rainforest Village with transport by Rainforest SkyRail (one way) and the Kuranda Scenic Rail on the return to Cairns (option to hold a koala for a supplemental fee, meet kangaroos, etc.)
- Traditional Australian farewell meal in Cairns

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**PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Tina Kistler, the Program Director for SBCC’s winter program to Australia, is Associate Professor and tenured faculty in SBCC’s Communication Department. She holds a BA and MA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has been teaching for over 25 years. She currently teaches intercultural communication and is looking forward to studying the impact of communication on the historical, social, and political relationships within Australia’s vast borders. She is originally from the United Kingdom but has lived in California most of her life. She is married and has three children ages 13, 19, and 22 who all share a love for the ocean. She is excited to lead SBCC’s upcoming trip down under!

**COURSES AND TRANSFERABLE CREDITS**

You are required to take the following two courses on the program for a total of 6 transferable units.

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Both Comm 141 and Comm 151 are UC/CSU transferable. Check with your counselor for possible exceptions. If you have already completed one of the courses listed above, please check with Professor Kistler whether you will be able to receive credit for alternate classes.

After you are accepted to the program, we will mail you registration materials for the courses in this program. Please do not try to register online or go to the Admissions Office to register until then.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

All students and members of the community interested in studying intercultural and small group communication, learning about Australia, and receiving transferable college credits are welcome to apply to the program. You do not have to be currently enrolled at SBCC, but you must enroll for the spring 2015 semester to participate in the Sydney and Cairns program. You do not have to be a communication studies major. Program participants must be 18 years or older on the departure date. We cannot accommodate family members and/or children who wish to go on the program in a non-student status.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM COST**

$3,845 (Does not include international airfare)

Includes: Housing in student accommodation and tourist class hotel, all listed excursions, sightseeing tours, Mult1 unlimited travel pass in Sydney, student medical and program fee refund insurance policies as outlined in the AIFS insurance brochure, transportation by private motor coach and one-way standard class flight between Sydney and Cairns.

Not included: Transportation to and from LAX, $125 refundable damage deposit, most meals, textbooks, SBCC fees (non-residents are required to pay out-of-state or out-of-country fees), passport and visa fees, personal expenses, and any other services not listed as included.

Optional Components: On a space-available basis, you may purchase the optional transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare between (Los Angeles – Sydney and Cairns – Los Angeles) and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Australia, for which you will be billed separately. The group airfare rate can only be guaranteed for a minimum enrollment of 12 or more participants taking this option. AIFS will reserve spaces according to information on the AIFS registration form that you will complete after acceptance to the program. Once an airline ticket has been issued to you, you can only change them directly with the issuing agent – agent and airline-imposed penalties apply. AIFS cannot arrange airline tickets if you apply after Thursday, October 2, 2014.
Optional Extra Protection Insurance Coverage, including increased medical insurance ($65) and/or personal effects insurance ($90) as outlined in the AIFS insurance brochure.

Financial Aid: There is no financial aid specifically for the winter break program, but you can apply for financial aid for the fall semester and apply any unused funds for the winter break program. If you need financial aid to participate in the Australia program, go to the Financial Aid Office and begin financial aid paperwork immediately. It takes the Financial Aid Office a minimum of 4 - 6 weeks to process your paperwork and determine your eligibility for aid.

Please refer to the SBCC Financial Aid website for more information about financial aid or student loans.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Deadline for application: September 15, 2014. Apply early as this is a very popular program and the number of places is limited. If the program is full before the deadline, acceptance is not guaranteed. You may be accepted after the deadline if space is available. Application forms are available at the SBCC Study Abroad Office and from Professor Kistler. An interview with the program director will be scheduled upon receipt of your application. If you live outside the Santa Barbara area, you may be interviewed by telephone.

TRAVEL AND HOUSING

Travel and Housing Arrangements: SBCC has contracted with AIFS to provide travel and housing arrangements for the Australia Winter Break Program. After you are accepted to the program by SBCC, you will be able to register online with AIFS and pay your $450 deposit. Once you have registered with AIFS and paid your deposit, you will receive housing and travel information from AIFS. Questions about the non-academic part of the program should be directed to AIFS or the Study Abroad Office. Questions about academics should be directed to Professor Kistler.

PLEASE NOTE: Late applications are subject to airline ticket and housing availability. Features, prices and terms are subject to change due to unanticipated unavailability and/or fluctuations in the exchange rate.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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The total program cost may vary depending on whether optional components are added.

REFUND POLICY

If you withdraw: You will receive a refund of:

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Once the program has begun: No refund, unless AIFS suspends the program.

Because of covered medical reasons: All fees paid less the $50 non-refundable application fee, $100 processing fee and $125 insurance premium.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

You are invited to attend an information meeting on any of the dates listed below. Attendance is not mandatory for participation in the program. Parents are welcome.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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