

FRIENDS OF BAUCAU



Education Matters in Timor-Leste

Your gift can help make a teacher training scholarship a reality.

Higher education is unaffordable for most families in remote rural villages in Timor-Leste. It's expensive to send young people away for teacher training and it's especially difficult for girls.



Joanna Belo - student

Your donation this Christmas in lieu of a gift to a colleague will make a huge difference.



\$1,400 a year
for fees
accommodation
books
any amount will help



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Friends of Baucau was established in 2001 to build friendship links between the Cities of Yarra and Darebin and the Sub-District of Baucau, Timor-Leste. The Friendship Association is endorsed and supported by the Councils of Darebin and Yarra.

Friends of Baucau supports local initiatives including teacher training scholarships, women's empowerment, food security through household, community and school gardens, improved oral hygiene, solar energy to remote villages and fostering traditional culture and music especially among youth.



The district of Baucau is situated 129 kilometres east of Dili, and is the second largest district in Timor-Leste with a population of 111, 694. Our friendship relationship is with the 11 Sucos in the Sub-district of Baucau.

Friends of Baucau scholarships are paid to the Marist Solidarity International Aid Fund in a lump sum each year. We currently fund two full scholarships and we are working to increase this in 2019.



Catholic Institute of Teacher Education

Instituto Católico para a Formação de Professores (ICFP) Diocese de Baucau

In 1999 the Bishop of the Diocese of Baucau, Basilio do Nascimento, invited the Australian Marist Brothers to establish an institute in Baucau to train teachers in Timor-Leste. In its beginning years the Institute addressed the pressing needs of in-service training in physics, languages and school leadership among other areas. In 2003 the Institute began the three year program for a Bachelor of Teaching.

ICFP has a strong relationship with the Australian Catholic University and by 2017, seventeen Institute staff had completed a Master of Education through ACU.

In 2018, a total of 630 students completed their studies and are now contributing to education and training across the country.

Annie Keogh worked in education in Timor-Leste for over 10 years. She would be happy to come and speak to staff to provide more information about the scholarship program or the Friends of Baucau.