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# Siena in Siena

## Siena in Siena: FAQs

We are excited to announce the launch of our **Siena in Siena Year 9 Program**, commencing in 2026. The program will provide all Year 9 students at Siena College with an enriching educational experience in Tuscany, Italy. Further details about the program will be made available to families and on the College website as the year progresses. In the meantime, please refer to some Frequently Asked Questions below:

### ***How will the travel groups be determined?***

Students will travel with their House (Cassia, Dianella, Kurrajong, Waratah), a group of 25-30 students.

### ***What is the cost and will this be invoiced at Year 9?***

At this stage, the estimated cost of the trip for each student will be \$8,000-\$8,500.

Payment plans will be considered on a case by case basis to ensure that all students have the opportunity to attend this enriching and immersive experience.

### ***How long is the immersion?***

The Siena in Siena trip is a three-week journey, during which students will fully engage with the local community in the heart of Tuscany, in a small town called Tavarnelle, experiencing Italian culture and traditions. Students will also travel to locations such as Rome, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Pisa and Assisi, deepening their understanding of our Dominican values and charism, and following in the footsteps of St Catherine of Siena to grasp her relevance in today's world.

### ***How will it impact on my daughter's learning program at school?***

There will be no negative impact. This program will be supported by teachers so that learning is not impacted but enhanced. Students will continue their academic studies, connect with peers from a local high school, and explore the language, history, cuisine and regional produce. Each group will also contribute to a community project, fostering a sense of belonging, service and connection.

### ***Will this impact the students' exams?***

No. Students will not be absent during the exam period

### ***What if my daughter has medical conditions or is anxious about travelling?***

These can be managed with your support. Anxiety can also be managed and good preparation at home and at school is crucial.

### ***Are all year 9 students expected to attend?***

We are hoping that all students will participate in the program.

### ***How many staff will attend?***

Depending on group size, four to five staff, teaching and non teaching, will accompany the students.

### ***Can parents attend?***

No, this program is for students only.

### ***Can we extend the trip?***

We would prefer that students not extend the trip as it will mean time away from school. Individual cases and circumstances can be followed up.

### ***Does my daughter need to study Italian to attend?***

No, this program is open to all Year 9 students, regardless of which language they are learning at school.

### ***Will students have the opportunity to practice Italian by staying with a host family at any stage?***

Students won't be staying with host families, however they will still be provided many opportunities to practice their language skills – including working closely with the local community and high school students.

### ***Will this opportunity be offered to older year levels who have missed out?***

Not at this stage. This information pertains particularly to the 2026 cohort. Please email the College if you have queries about other year levels.

Further details about our Siena in Siena Year 9 Program will be made available on the College website later this year.



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