



Dear rising Sophomores and Families:

It is with excitement that SEM announces our cultural exchange program we have formed with [St. Catherine's School](#), a leading girls' school in Melbourne, Australia that participates in student exchanges around the world.

The program involves hosting a St. Catherine's student in your home this fall for about 6 weeks. In January 2025, your daughter will travel to Australia for about six weeks as well. We are currently finalizing the dates based upon our school calendars. Students would be fully enrolled in classes and expected to participate in extracurricular activities at each school.

SEM is committed to expanding opportunities for all our girls throughout the world and providing a truly global education for all students. This partnership with St. Catherine's provides the chance to enrich SEM educational program and open a brand-new world of opportunities: Buffalo is certainly a great city, but the world is big - you need to explore and open your horizon!

The cost of the program is the price of a ticket to Melbourne. If the cost is prohibitive for your family, it is important that you know we will work with you to help cover the travel expenses.

#### **What does the exchange involve?**

- Approximately six weeks to Melbourne St-Catherine's High School to be hosted by a Buffalo Seminary student and family. Idem for Buffalo Seminary student's traveling abroad. Reciprocal hosting is expected.
- September through end of October hosting in Buffalo; January through mid-March in summertime in Australia
- Attend classes and become involved in all aspects of the school - sport, music, clubs, whatever your interests may be.

Students, please fill out the form to explain as honestly as you can your interest in the program. **This form is due no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

This is the chance of a lifetime. Don't miss out on this!

Excited to hear from you.

Respectfully,

Madame Fisher