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Dear Australian school communities,

As the new school year commences in Vietnam, we write to **thank you** for your support of Loreto Vietnam over the past year, and to share some of the exciting projects we have identified for the coming school year.



As students begin another year of learning there are still **many remote, rural school communities**, which **fall behind** the Ministry of Education national standards - due to limited budgets and inadequate teaching resources and school facilities. They struggle to provide engaging, safe and adequate learning spaces and educational resources for their students.

Loreto Vietnam works together with the regional Departments of Education to identify those school communities most in need of educational resourcing – many of which have a high percentage of ethnic minority students and children from poor and financially struggling family contexts.

We aim to ensure that despite their current contexts, these students have access to resources to continue their education and contribute in a positive way to their local communities.

We invite your school community to journey with us and support us to:

- Resource **libraries** at primary schools in An Giang, Tra Vinh and Phu Yen provinces to encourage the joy of reading and further develop literacy skills;
- Distribute **bicycles and helmets** to students in Ca Mau province to ensure access to school throughout the school year.
- Resource **information technology resources** at primary schools in An Giang province.
- Build **toilet blocks** to ensure hygienic and clean learning environments at primary schools in An Giang province
- **Build new classrooms** for students in Tra Vinh province to ensure safe, clean and welcoming learning spaces.
- Resource **kindergarten and special school classrooms with appropriate learning tools** to ensure engaging learning for the students of the school communities in An Giang, Ca Mau, Ho Chi Minh and Phu Yen provinces.

- Distribute **school packs** (bags, uniforms, shoes, stationary items) to over 300 children in Tien Giang province to ensure that they can commence their new school year confidently and well prepared.



There are many ways to **engage in this journey with us**, including:

- Through student initiated fundraising activities throughout the school year. This might include sporting competitions, food stalls, dress up days (highlighting our School Packs projects), walk-a-thons (highlighting our Wheels for Education projects);
- Through book week events (e.g. read-a-thon's, book character dress up days) to raise funds to support our Library projects;
- Through sharing with Loreto Vietnam news of any activities you hold in support of our work – we would value sharing stories of your student's generous activities.
- Through learning more about the context for poor students in rural areas of Vietnam;
- Through informing others about the work of Loreto Vietnam.

Students assisting other students can have a powerful and meaningful impact for all involved.

To **learn more about Loreto Vietnam or how to donate** to our projects visit:

www.loretovietnam.org or www.facebook.com/loretovietnam.

Or contact us directly: info@loretovietnam.org or +84 028 3910 6364.

Thank you for your commitment to **'lifting learners into the future'**.

Kind regards,

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