



# Friendship School Project

## Making a School Album 2008

*Building Friendships and Learning Language*

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Each year, we ask all Australian School Partners to prepare a new school album to send to their School Partner in Timor-Leste. This affords new students and teachers an opportunity to introduce themselves to their School Partner, to talk about what they like doing at school or home, and to introduce their school.

### *What should we include in our School Album?*

- You can use a large Scrap Book or Artist's drawing pad, or a folder with plastic pockets. You may choose to make your own album by using laminated pages bound together.
- Begin with a letter introducing the students and teachers who will be involved in leading the project this year. The letter should be in Tetun. For assistance with this, see Sheet 5 and your Lonely Planet "East Timor Phrasebook". You may use English in addition as this can be a useful learning tool for older students who are studying English.
- Include photographs and drawings in the most creative way you can.
- Focus on your students and the activities they are involved with, rather than school facilities. It is important to be culturally sensitive and try not to focus on the differences in the facilities available in Australian and Timor-Leste schools
- Preparation of the album can be done by a small group of students or each class may like to contribute one page each.
- In addition to preparing an album that has pictures, letters and basic text about your school and the students' activities please send similar basic materials for the school in Timor-Leste to make an album in return.

### *Sending your album and similar album making materials to Timor-Leste*

Mark clearly who the Album is for and who it is from and address to

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Via Darwin, Australia.



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If the whole package is less than 5Kg in weight it can be sent directly to the Friendship School Project at the Alola Foundation through the post and it will get through Customs without attracting Duty.

On arrival at the FSP Office in Dili, the FSP team will plan to deliver it to your School Partner (due to the absence of a national postal service) on their next visit to the school. When other school supplies are available, they will be delivered to your School Partner at the same time.

When you have sent the album, or if your school arranges for the album to be delivered personally to either the FSP Timor-Leste office at the Alola Foundation in Dili, or directly to the school, please let the FSP Australia office know for our records.

Receiving a return Album from your School Partner will take time. If you would like to discuss time frames further, please contact Rachel at the FSP office.