

# Arrival in Vanuatu – Basic Details

## Location of LifeChanger Christian College

- The school property is at Prima (pronounced Preema), on the right-hand side of the main road going to Mele Village from the airport or town.
- The collection of cream coloured buildings can't be missed and most locals know it well.

## Passport and Visa

- Make sure your passport is current, with 6 months left before it expires.
- Make sure the name on your ticket matches the one on your passport, First and Surname/Family Name the right way around.
- No visa requirement.

## Arrival Questions

- Write **Tourist** on your arrival document.
- Your address in Vanuatu will be LifeChanger CC, Mele Rd, Prima.

## Changing Cash to Vanuatu Currency (Vatu)

- Change AUD to local currency just near the baggage pickup at FOREX.
- There are ATM machines in the town that take Cirrus and Maestro etc. but it can be quite time consuming getting there and lining up.
- Take cash (in AUD) if you're comfortable carrying it.

## Local SIM Card

If you'd like one for local calls or for using data, you can get a SIM just near baggage pickup. TVL Network's cost is 1000 Vatu (about \$12). You can add data at extra cost at the counter.

## Internet & Phoning Australia

There is 3<sup>rd</sup> world internet speed in Vanuatu. We suggest you get a local SIM card on arrival and use it for data.

## Pick-up from the Airport

Normally it's "Maxie" (Pastor John Tuprick). Or someone else. Whatever the case, you'll be picked up!

## Questions When You Get to LifeChanger

Ask Michelle (Maxie's wife). Always go to Michelle or Maxie first about everything, until you get used to who is in charge of different things at the LifeChanger site.

## Accommodation Costs at LifeChanger

Normally \$35 per person per day if you stay at the school, including all meals purchased for you (and cooked sometimes, by arrangement only). Please pay Michelle in cash in AUD or the equivalent in Vatu if you haven't already pre-paid to Liberty People prior to your arrival.

## Transport Around

We have trucks which go to town frequently. You can hop on the back in the tray, or catch a “taxi” (minibus) out on the main road for 150 Vatu per trip (about \$1.80).

## Doctors and Medical Emergencies in Vila

**Promedical**, for emergency evacuation:

[admin@promedical.com.vu](mailto:admin@promedical.com.vu)

[www.promedical.com.vu](http://www.promedical.com.vu)

[ops@promedical.com.vu](mailto:ops@promedical.com.vu)

+678 26996

+678 25566

Emergency Number - 115

To visit a GP, we recommend the service at Novodental surgery, known as **Novo Medical** (Dr Rhys + 678 26698 8am-5pm, or after hours + 678 7726698).

Or Message on Facebook at Novo Medical.

GP visit fee is about 6,500-7,000 Vatu (\$75-\$90) for a visit in normal hours, or substantially more for an after-hours visit.

Address: Ground Floor, Anchor House, Lini Highway (next to Le Cafe de la Ville, and near the Grand Casino Hotel in town).