



WALK IN NEW LIFE
MATER MARIA
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YEAR 9 CAMP

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Last week, all Year 9 students went to camp in Morisset on the Central Coast. Due to being in a pandemic, students had to wear masks on the buses which was a bit interesting but kept us all safe, which is very important. When we arrived at the camp we were greeted with a delicious lunch of tasty burgers. We then got to see our camp cabins and got ready for a fun filled afternoon of activities. I'm sure everyone will agree that dinner that night was delicious. We had butter chicken, spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread. After dinner we had a super fun and exciting challenge night, where everyone got into teams and nominated people from each team to have a go and get out of their comfort zones. Much fun and laughter was had versing other teams in different activities. Even the teachers got involved and there was a very good vibe.

The three days were full of fun activities, including the high rope course and the giant swing where we were challenged to face our fears of heights; unclipping and clipping on to each course along the way and pulling strings to realise the swing. Other activities included going to Lake Macquarie and learning how to sail and kayak. One activity that each group completed was the survivor challenge. For this activity to be successful everyone had to work together as a team to get across the mud lake using heavy wooden planks without falling in. This challenge pushed people to work with others that they may not have worked with before and even gave us a chance to make some new friends, work as a team and bond with each other.



On the last night of the camp we were lucky enough to see Stuart McInnes and his troupe perform cultural dances. Year 9 students were included in the learning and the performing of the traditional male and female dances. This was an exciting experience, exploring indigenous themes through discussion, questions, dance and laughter. That night was very fun and interesting. Learning about the indigenous culture and why these dances and stories were significant was an awesome experience. It was great to see everyone getting involved through either dance or asking questions.

Overall Year 9 had the best time making new friends, bonding with others, challenging themselves and each other and enjoying fun filled activities.

Finally, a big thank you to our parents and our teachers for giving us the opportunity to participate in this year's camp. We are very grateful and have grown from the experiences.

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