

Mater Dei students get out and about on overnight excursions

Three day Canberra & snow excursion



In August, 28 Year 11 & 12 students, accompanied by 6 Mater Dei staff, went on a three day excursion to Canberra and the snow.



Overnight excursions give our students a great opportunity to interact on a social level and practise their skills in dealing with mainstream settings. This year two major excursions have taken place and once again the students' "can do" attitude and the manner in which they conducted themselves in all situations impressed everyone they met. They proved to be wonderful ambassadors for Mater Dei and a credit to their parents, teachers and themselves.

Students enjoy seeing the animals at Western Plains Zoo

The 2006 Junior Secondary Camp in late October was a great adventure. 42 students from Years 6/7, 8, 9 and 10 and 8 staff set off in a coach and school car and headed west. Their first stop was Katoomba in the Blue Mountains where they had an early lunch and then boarded the new Scenic Sender (an aerial cable car) and travelled down into the rainforest of the Jamison Valley.

Moving on they travelled to Bathurst and detoured to drive around Mount Panorama, then continued through Orange to Dubbo where they set up 'camp' in a local motel. The next day they visited the famous Western Plains Zoo. The best way to describe the rest of the trip is to let the students tell you.

"I went on the bus to the Zoo to see the animals. The Zoo was massive and we got around by bus and walking. I liked the souvenir shop at the Zoo and the cheetahs. The cheetahs were cool! Everything was good at the motel. I liked the food - it was good too. I want to go back again". Sam Thompson

"I had a good time at the Zoo. I saw the cheetah, zebras and I liked the horses. I liked the dinner and ice cream. Staying in the motel was the best thing I have ever done. I shared a room with Lauren, Holly and Deanna". Sarah Farrell

"We went to the Zoo. My favourite things were the cheetahs and the monkeys. There were lots of unusual animals. We left early on Friday and got back to school at 2.30pm". Holly Levers



The coach prepares to depart



Lunch in Katoomba



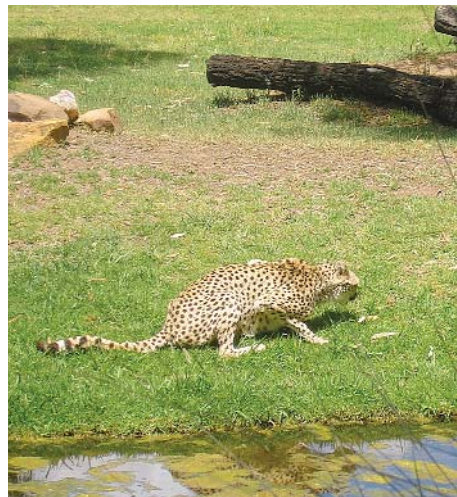
Sam, year 10 and Daniel, year 9



Kate, year 7 and Joel, year 6



Angela, year 8 and Jackie, year 7



The popular cheetah



Lunch at the Zoo