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Welcome Address

Mark De Vries



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Space Camp

Jessica Bollard

Space Camp was one of the best times of my life. It all began with a 3-day trip to Los Angeles, where we spent a day at Disneyland and a day at Universal Studios. I hopped on the plane thinking nothing could beat the last 3 days in LA, but the first 5 minutes of arriving at Space Camp did it - Space Camp was so memorable.

My favourite thing about Space Camp was the trial mission as we were able to see what an actual spaceship looked like. The missions were fun because we learnt about all of the roles involved in a space mission - I never knew so many people played a part in the mission. This topped everything else since I was the commander. I learnt so much about the commander, for example, the pilot doesn't actually fly the ship as this is the role of the commander. In a mission, we were able to perform experiments like making slime. In the spaceship, we experienced body scans to see if we were healthy - I did 15 scans and they all came back healthy. It was a great experience since we had a lot of laughs through the body scanner.

At Space Camp, I learnt that there are many requirements before launching. One of the requirements before launching includes checking the heat shield, which can withstand 2000 degrees of heat. To demonstrate this, we made a shield with solid hot glue on the back and held a blow torch at it for 2 minutes. If the hot glue melted after 2 minutes, the heat shield was proven not effective but if it stayed solid, the shield was effective. This showed us what materials prevent heat from reaching the rocket.

At Space Camp, there were space simulators which showed what space felt like. One of the rides was a simulator on the moon where we were able to bounce up and down. I learnt that you have to bounce focusing on distance instead of height, which is similar to long jump and high jump. This was a fun experience as I am good at jumping long distances rather than high heights, mainly because I am short. There were other simulators but this was the most enjoyable of them all.

Space Camp was so fun as I had learnt so much. I wish that I could go back!

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Red Wednesday

Daryl Castellino

On Wednesday 28th November, Santa Sophia Catholic College commemorated 'Red Wednesday'. Red Wednesday, organised by the Catholic organisation Aid to the Church is a day given to remembering the persecuted Christians around the world. Santa Sophia students had time to reflect on the difficulties of Christians around the world and in a spirit of solidarity pray with them as we are all part of the Body of Christ.



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HOPE Retreat

Ivy Magistrado

In December, students participated in an end-of-year in-school HOPE Retreat run by the Santa Sophia staff and a youth ministry team. The HOPE Retreat provided students with the opportunity to discover God's plan as they prayed and reflected on the events in the past year as well as looked to the future with hope. Students participated in FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, FREEDOM and FRUITFULNESS sessions aimed at exploring their relationship with God, receiving healing and forgiveness, looking to Jesus as a model of genuine friendship and developing their relationships with each other through team building and letter writing. Through the HOPE Retreat, students were encouraged to prepare their hearts and make a gift of themselves to others as they enter the Advent season of hope.





Student Reflections

Rocks and Resources

Divij Ahluwalia

In science, maths and geography we have a project called Rocks and Resources. We have had an allocated mine that we work on. We find the area, volume and perimeter of the mine. We talk as a group about the causes of us mining the resource and what would happen if we didn't.

English Crime Writing Project

Mikayla Muscat

The project we did in Term 4 for English was writing a book based on crime. We had to get together in groups of three, to create a plot for the story, but the interesting thing about this plot was that it was more of a mindmap. The book we had to write was a Choose Your Own Adventure story, which is much shorter and much easier to get done in the amount of time we had. To make our final product we didn't print out the stories and make actual books. Instead, we used a website called twinery and inserted a series of code to make the story an interactive eBook. I have learnt a lot of things in our crime project, including how to plan a story and make it engaging for a certain audience. I also learnt a lot about how to use code. Although it was one of the more challenging aspects of the project, it was very enjoyable and probably my favourite part.



Upcoming Events

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Jan	27	28 Public Holiday	29 Pupil Free Day	30 Year 7 & 8 Students Commence	31		
February						1 2019 Welcome BBQ	2
	3	4 Kindergarten Students Commence	5	6 Opening School Mass at OLA	7	8 Year 7 & 8 School Photos Kindergarten Welcome BBQ	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28		
March						1	2
	3	4 Year 7 & 8 Swimming Carnival	5 Shrove Tuesday	6 Ash Wednesday Mass	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14 Year 7 Camp	15 Year 7 Camp	16



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