



2014 St Patrick's College Darwin Tour – Day 10.

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Today was another early start for everyone with a 6am wakeup in readiness for a 7.30am departure from our campsite in Coinda.

The boys enjoyed a quick breakfast followed by our final camp clean-up of our camp kitchen, tents and, for the lucky ones, their cabins. The bus was then packed and we headed off ready to enjoy our last day away from Ballarat.



The touring party were fortunate to witness and learn lessons about aboriginal rock art in the heart of Kakadu.

We headed deeper into the Kakadu National Park to experience aboriginal rock art guided by Rob who explained how these paintings had originated, thousands of years ago.

We also learnt about the aboriginal history and how they taught the younger generation of aboriginals to live through their historical dream time stories and social ethics.

A one-hour walk saw us coming to a magical area overlooking the stunning, world dual listed heritage site that we had experienced throughout the past days.



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We were again piled onto the buses where we planned to head back to Darwin via a stop to meet an aboriginal elder and his young daughter.

Unfortunately the rest of the day would not go to plan as one of the buses found themselves on the side of the road just outside Jabiru due to a technical malfunction.

While the others continued towards Darwin, the boys from the broken down bus headed into Jabiru to the local school for a place to rest whilst another bus was organised.



Problems with a broken down bus meant lunch on the side of the road for some members of our group.

Here the boys took advantage of the games room and had a look around the school of one of our indigenous boys.

Again we went back to the broken down bus, eating lunch on the deserted stretch of road before finally we could make our way back to Darwin for the long awaited flight.

Ready to come home the boys reflected on the unique and special experience of the trip, giving praise and thanks to all the teachers, helpers and parents that made the tour possible and a great success.



After a wonderful experience, we were glad to be back at the Darwin Airport ready for the flight home.