



2014 St Patrick's College Darwin Tour – Day 3

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Today was a great day!

First we visited the [Northern Territory Wildlife Park](#). Upon arrival we started walking down to our first area - the flight deck. This section of the park featured a showcase of some of the raptors and predatory birds of Australia. After viewing some of these amazing birds, we continued onwards to the nocturnal house. We then caught a small train up to the aquarium. Here we saw some of the many varieties of underwater creatures. One of the main features of the aquarium was the 3.8 metre crocodile.



Some of the scenes from the Northern Territory Wildlife Park, including the 3.8m crocodile (above).



On returning from the Wildlife Park we stopped at the petrol station when, out of nowhere, it rained very heavily for five minutes. As we left the place had flooded! When we arrived back at the [Free Spirit Resort](#) we got ready for the first game of the tour.



SPC players are addressed at quarter time in the match against St Mary's at TIO stadium.

The match took place at TIO Stadium against St Mary's Football Club. The game was fought out in great spirit. It was a hard game that the boys sweated through. Many of the boys were not quite ready for the hot conditions.

After the game the boys got ready to have dinner with St Mary's Football Club at their fantastic facilities and were spoken to by former AFL star and Hawthorn premiership player Chance Bateman. Chance told us what he has done since finishing his AFL career.

At the completion of Chance's speech, the head coach of St Mary's Football Club talked to us about the history of the club and how it was formed.

They are one of the most successful clubs in Australia. Players such as Cyril Rioli, Shaun Burgoyne, Michael Long and Ralph and Xavier Clarke are among some of the clubs greats. Overall today was another hot, but good day in Darwin.



Chance Bateman, centre, with Mr Jarrett Giampaolo and Headmaster Dr Peter Casey at TIO stadium in Darwin.