



## 2014 St Patrick's College Darwin Tour – Day 4.

Wednesday, April 9.

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Today was a big day for the boys with our two main games being held at the TIO Stadium against the fast-paced Northern Territory State Under 16 and Under 18 teams.

However, before the games were to commence, 19 St Patrick's College students were chosen to run a football clinic at the Vacation Care programme for children. We were asked to run activities such as kicking drills, 'speccy' drills and handball drills. After 45 minutes of skills work the SPC boys had the opportunity to read to the children and have lunch.

This sort of community involvement by the SPC students was great for all involved and everyone really embraced the concept of helping and teaching young kids for the future. While the 19 boys were running the clinic, the remainder of the group went into the city to have a small shop and explore Darwin's city centre.



Some of the highlights from the clinics and reading exercises the SPC students conducted with some of Darwin's children involved in the Vacation Care programme.



The two games held at [TIO Stadium](#) were outstanding.

The St Patrick's College boys really enjoyed the challenge which presented itself against the fast-paced teams representing the Northern Territory Under 16s and Under 18s.

Our 'B' team showed great composure and work rate throughout the game and got over the line quite easily against the Under 16s, even though most of our boys had played the day before against St Mary's. Everyone contributed as a team and played a good brand of footy considering the tough, wet and humid conditions.



**Chance Bateman addresses our touring party at TIO Stadium.**

The "A" Team, effectively a version of the SPC 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII, had a slow start and were down by four goals at half time. However some great coaching by Mr Clark and the coaching staff at the main break saw several positional changes and a very different mindset by the boys. The players' intensity picked up markedly in the second half with Brenton Payne leading the way at centre half forward by kicking three goals and having a hand in an additional two. Leigh Spiteri, in his role as rover, was in and under the packs all night while Mitchell Walsh and Toby Hutt continued their good form with the 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII this year.

After the matches, we went into the social rooms and, to the credit of the [New Future Alliance](#), we had a great spread of hot food for the boys and staff.

Chance Bateman, who is taking part in our tour over the next couple of days, gave a great speech about his life and how he came to be an elite footballer. It was very insightful and many questions were asked. Chance is a very humble man and spoke well. All the boys look up to him as he is a fantastic role model both on and off the field.



## Match results so far on tour:

**Tuesday, April 8.**

**SPC 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII 8.5 (53) d St Mary's, Darwin 1.3 (9)**

**Goal kickers:** Billy Hoye, Daniel Abbott, Jacob Duffy, Lochie Lamb, Sam Jackson, Harry Loader, Patrick Fairhead, Angus Dundon.

**Best players:** Simon Butler, Billy Hoye, Angus Dundon, Cameron Jackson, Lochie Lamb, Mitch Crosier.

**Wednesday, April 9.**

**SPC 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII 6.7 (43) d Northern Territory Under 16 State Side 1.4 (10)**

**Goal kickers:** Mitch Crosier 2, Tom Evans, Daniel Briggs, Sam Jackson, Brock Leonard.

**Best players:** Tom Evans, Cameron Jackson, Brayden Leonard, Billy Hoye, Brock Leonard, Ambrose Gillett.

**SPC 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII 7.6 (48) d Northern Territory Under 18 State Side 6.2 (38)**

**Goal kickers:** Brenton Payne 3, Jacob Wheelahan 2, Shane McAuliffe, Jackson Carrick.

**Best players:** Brenton Payne, Leigh Spiteri, Mitchell Walsh, Matthew Johnston, Joel Cowan, Bryson McDougall, Toby Hutt, Sam Romeril.



The SPC and Northern Territory representative teams gather for a photo after their matches at TIO Stadium.