



2014 St Patrick's College Darwin Tour – Day 7.

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Day 7 of our Northern Territory experience started with a relaxing morning as we didn't need to meet until 10am for the day's activities. This meant an extra-long sleep in for most or a morning swim to make up for the early starts of previous days.

Once we all gathered at 10am and made sure everyone was present, we hopped on our buses and went for our first activity of the day – a trip to the Parap Market.



Members of the SPC Touring Party get ready to explore the Parap Market.

The market was filled with a variety of different things including assorted types of foods and jewellery as well as toys and clothing. It was amazing to witness the different cultures that a lot of the stalls were representing and how their cultures are becoming more prominent in today's society.

After spending an hour at the market hunting for bargains and listening to some locals sing, we headed a little further into the city to one of the shopping centres – much to the delight of a lot of the boys.

Roughly two hours was spent buzzing around the shopping mall, going through the large variety of assorted shops before we were back on the buses and heading off to find some water as it was a very hot and humid day.



Enjoying the sun and surf at the local wave pool.

We headed to the local wave pool which was a lot of fun, sending down decent-sized waves for a period of ten minutes at a time.

After soaking up the sun and having a splash it was time to head back to the resort to get ready for 6pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christian's Church. It was a terrific service which celebrated Palm Sunday. The Mass was highlighted at the end with the 70-plus strong St Patrick's College representatives blowing the roof off the church as we sang in full voice for the last hymn. We were complimented on our efforts afterwards.

It was straight to the Tracey Village for tea after Mass. We were served chicken parmas, chips and salad, with chocolate cake and ice cream for dessert.

Once we were back at the resort we had a quick meeting to discuss the plan for tomorrow morning when we depart for Kakadu.



We were praised for the way we all joined in the final hymn at the Palm Sunday Mass.