



## 2014 St Patrick's College Darwin Tour – Day 8.

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Today was a very early start, getting up at 5am for a 6am departure.

When the buses from Intrepid Travel arrived we headed off on our journey consisting of around 500km.

Our first stop was Katherine. On arrival we had a quick lunch in the National Park and then, shortly after, we went on our cruise along the Katherine Gorge.

The views and scenery of the Katherine Gorge were aesthetically beautiful.

After we had looked around for a little while the cruise guide stopped the boat on the side of one of the gorges. We then walked about 200m to a small hidden waterfall and water hole. Fair to say this was one well-earned swim after a lot of travelling in the morning.

Once the cruise had ended we were back on the buses for another two hours heading to Coinda, where our camp was waiting for us. Finally, after a long day of travelling, we arrived at the campsite.



The SPC touring party on the Katherine Gorge cruise.

The three buses all had different campsites and kitchens. As we were unpacking everything out of the buses, the rain decided to come down pretty hard. It made it an eventful task (especially in the pitch black) of getting everything to our tents and trying to prepare dinner.



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When the rain had calmed down, to everyone's excitement dinner was cooked and ready to eat. Rice Chicken and vegies had never tasted so good!

After all the boys were fed there was a queue in the kitchen of boys trying to charge their phones as this was the only place where there was power. We had never seen so many adaptor cords in our life!

As all the boys headed off to bed, some discovered their tents were leaking water and much to their disgust they had to move to cabins.

Everyone else had a tent with two single beds and a lot of mosquitoes.

The warm weather and bugs made it tough to sleep but after a long day and a little bit of getting used to it all the boys got a good night's sleep.



**Some of the highlights of Day 8 of our NT Tour – it was a long day of travelling which ended in some heavy rain as we were trying to set up camp.**