



2011 Year 7 Camp!

On Monday the 7th of November 2011 we, the Year 7s of North Tom Price Primary School, departed from Tom Price to fly down to Perth for our Year 7 Camp. When we arrived at Perth Airport, we drove to Cockburn Ice-skating rink, had lunch and skated for two hours. Some of us picked it up like a duck to water, but some of us needed a bit more practise. As soon as Hamish and Mr. Gordon hit the ice, they were off and around the rink. We drove from the ice-skating rink to Cottesloe Beach where we took a walk down a track which eventually led to a playground. When the clouds started rolling in, we made our way back to the bus to proceed to Point Walter.



On Tuesday morning, we enjoyed a fully-cooked breakfast in the main dining hall. We then split up into our groups to head over to the abseiling tower and the flying fox. It was very challenging for most of us, but we made it through. We learnt how to put on and tighten harnesses, which were very uncomfortable at first, and attach carabiners to ropes and harnesses. Halfway through the activities we swapped over. We had lunch and returned to more activities such as archery and low ropes. Archery was very difficult, but we got the hang of it with the help of our instructors. The low-ropes course helped us to build our balance and verbal communication skills. We split up into groups of three, so while one of us was on the ropes, our two "spotters" would help guide us through the course. After dinner, we went Go-Karting at an indoor go-karting track. We took turns in our groups to challenge each other on the track. Even the adult supervisors joined in! We had a blast, but unfortunately we had to leave.



On Wednesday we had a nice cooked breakfast before participating in some team building skills. We had some pretty good tactics though it was extra challenging with so many people. The instructor and the adult supervisors had a good laugh while we attempted to cross a Justin-Bieber-exploding-fire-spitting-clown-infested swamp and swing from one concrete square to another. It was hard to squeeze 23 students on to two concrete slabs without anyone falling off! After the team building games, we headed over to the high-ropes. It was good to see that everybody had a go and did their best to reach the top of their high-rope. Taya flew up her high-rope in record time, making her the Queen of the High-Ropes. After a nutritious lunch of self-made sandwiches, we walked down the street to the Swan River. While some of us built our own rafts, the rest of us learnt to paddle in kayaks. We all left with tired arms and sore shoulders, but happy faces. We drove to Fremantle, and walked to Cicerellos to enjoy a tasty meal of fish-and-chips. We then walked back to go to Fremantle Prison, where we waited to begin the Torchlight Tour. Most of us managed to stay for the whole tour, but some of us had to leave early. After the tour, we bought some souvenirs from the gift shop, and returned to Point Walter for a good night's sleep.



On Thursday, after breakfast, we drove to Adventure World! As soon as we got there, we almost instantly ran to The Rampage, the nearest mechanical ride to where we were seated. It was really fun and everyone let out a scream at some point. We then sprinted to The Free Fall, the tallest ride at the park. We were also the first to ride The Free Fall that day. Throughout our time there, we rode almost every ride. We all returned to Point Walter, tired but excited for our surprise shopping spree. We ate dinner in the hall and drove to Garden City Shopping Mall. We split up into four groups of girls and boys and ran to the closest store we saw. We left the shopping mall with hardly any money left, and our arms full of bags.

On Friday morning, we got packed up to go home. After breakfast, we drove to the Super Bowl to kill time before we left for the Airport. Jacob got the highest score of 91 leaving us trailing behind. We all had fun with the claw machines in between bowling turns, but we had to leave. We drove to King's Park for our last meal in Perth. It was a tiring flight home, but we made it back safely to our families in Tom Price.

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