YEAR 7 CAMP

Last Monday the youngest members of our College community and the Year 7 Pastoral Team travelled to Gosford to embark on Year 7 Camp.

The boys and girls of Year 7 enjoyed a range of activities that challenged them to step outside of their comfort zones, teaching them a lot about themselves and their peers in the process.

Highlights included the giant swing, abseiling and challenge ropes activities, with my personal highlight being the opportunity to celebrate a beautiful liturgy with our Year 7 community around a roaring camp fire.

The boys and girls of Year 7 conducted themselves with courage, determination and perseverance as they supported each other through the two-day camp and should be commended for the wonderful way they represented our College community.

I would also like to thank the Year 7 Pastoral Team for their hard work at camp and the care they consistently displayed for the young men and women in their charge.

Peter Cartledge, Year 7 Coordinator
SNAPSHOTS OF YEAR 7 CAMP 2016
FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:

We are is the middle of Holy Week which is the most sacred, reflective time of our liturgical Calendar.

For Catholics, the centre of the liturgical year is the Easter Triduum, the three holy days that celebrate Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection.

On Holy Thursday Jesus gives us the Eucharist in his last Passover meal with his friends. As an example of service, he washes the feet of his disciples during the meal.

Finally, he prays in the garden of Gethsemane where he is arrested, then put to trial.

On Good Friday Jesus is crucified on the hill of Golgotha. He died for us on the cross to show us the forgiveness of God. We give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

This year the Church is celebrating the Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy a time of when we reflect on the grace and mercy God has bestowed on us. Before Jesus celebrated the passover meal on Holy Thursday he humbled himself and performed the task of a servant washing the disciples feet. Then as the ultimate act of mercy Jesus dies and rises again on the third day to take away the sins of the world.

Jesus became the final sacrifice for all eternity; “The Lamb of God”. At every Eucharistic celebration we give thanks to God for giving us his Son.

This Holy week I pray that you will make time to attend Mass and receive the grace and mercy of Christ this Easter Season.

Andrew Christoforidis

Snapshots of our Holy Thursday Liturgy
2016 SECONDARY SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

On the 17th March, we, Vincent Gabut and Edwin Singh along with School Captains across 37 other secondary schools attended the 2016 Secondary Schools Leadership Program at the NSW Parliament House.

Hosted by the NSW Government Education Office, this civil and citizenship program offered a unique opportunity to develop knowledge of the parliamentary proceedings and state government system and the role of the Governor of New South Wales of His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley, who the students were privileged enough to meet and converse with.

The day commenced with an educational introduction to the Parliamentary System with a greeting of several Members of Parliament from both the upper and lower chambers including Government Whip and Liberal Party Member, Peter Phelp and Member for Bankstown and of the Labor Party, Tania Mihailuk. The students engaged in a very interesting Q&A panel with several party members from both Liberal, Labor and Greens, as well as upper chamber members.

After the session, leaders were able to group with their respective electorate members. Tania Mihailuk herself provided a close insight upon matters concerning medical services and the use of social media within politics. She also briefly outlined her background and ancestral history of herself and her family becoming Australian Citizens. We also sat as an audience to witness both the lower chamber and the intense upper chamber parliamentary debates.

We were then escorted to Government House, where we were taken on a tour of the building and into the history of the Commonwealth in New South Wales.

We were also given the opportunity to meet with the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency David Hurley, a unique chance to question the role of the Commonwealth in the governance of New South Wales.

A handful of tour guides and an Air Force Lieutenant also accompanied the leaders on their tour, explaining the historical significance of several past governors, kings and queens, and the various historical items existing throughout the Governor’s house.

Not only was this day insightful in enabling us as leaders to understand the role of Government in society, but it provided us with the opportunity to reflect these values and attitudes into our own leadership.

Vincent Gabut (College Captain) and Edwin Singh (College Vice Captain)