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Discipleship

Cultural Immersion Program

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Emmanuel Catholic College sent students and staff to Ngalangangpum School the East Kimberley town of Warmun to spend time working within classrooms as Education Assistants.

During their stay, they are privileged to experience the sacred connection between the Kija people and their land through participation in a smoking ceremony and water blessing.

The Immersion Program is connected to the wider College community through allocating a proportion of the fundraising completed in Term 1 and Term 2 as a gift to Ngalagangpum school when they visit.

During the time in Warmun, students are exposed to a different lifestyle, supported by a cross cultural talk by Ngalagangpum Staff, highlighting the different lives that the children lead compared to students here in Perth.



“ The authentic cross cultural immersion has given me a deeper understanding of the spiritual and cultural aspects of Indigenous Australians. ”

Nicholas Bontempo, Student

HIGHLIGHTS

Participant Joe Waters set up his own charitable collection called “Boots for the Boys”, collecting, cleaning and packing over 100 football boots for the Indigenous Warmun Community.

In June, the Indigenous boys who received the boots won a football carnival in Kununurra 6-0.

Joe was awarded the City of Cockburn Youth Citizen of the Year Award for 2017.



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