

SEEDS OF JUSTICE

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On Thursday, we met with other Mercy schools around Victoria who shared the same intentions as we did. There was an introduction with all students, teachers and other guest speakers, activities talking about our favourite places around the world, and a group discussion about the problems our Earth is facing due to deforestation, plastic pollution and climate change.

Our guest speakers were Juliet and Sally from Rahamim Ecology Centre in Bathurst. They taught us more about the destruction and damage our planet is facing and then discussed some of the actions that we can uptake to make a better change. Throughout the day, they had been recording some of the responses people mentioned and after lunch, they put the solutions into groups and we chose one we were interested in to research. We had some time in our groups to develop a creative presentation about it and then showed the rest of the group in different performances such as poems, songs and plays.

On Friday morning, our focus was to talk within our school groups to see what sustainable actions we could reflect back to our schools to start doing there. From these discussions, we have many ideas how our College community can become more environmentally friendly that we hope to introduce around the school. Overall, the experience was a very enlightening one and we encourage anyone who can go to Seeds of Justice Conferences. These conferences offer fantastic guest speakers that are engaging, enjoyable and inspiring.

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