



FOLEY HOUSE NEWS

TERM 2, WEEK 8



Mr Stan Kosiek

Year 9 Foley Camp - by Leo Grimson

In Week 6, Year 9 went on camp to Alternative Adventures near Kenilworth. After a two-hour bus ride, we arrived in time for lunch. Following that, we split into our 2 groups for a camp briefing, preparations and then eventually went hiking to our designated camping spots for that night. In my group, we spent some hours with half of Gilroy and after many hours of tracking made it to our isolated but picturesque camp site. We were fortunate to be close enough to a creek to have a swim, and though it was freezing cold, it was enjoyable to have a refreshing break after a tough day.

On the second day we awoke very early to a quick breakfast and headed off on a 24km walk through the pristine National Park to the Artist's Cascade. We had lunch at the Cascades and after chilling out for a little bit and watching some brave mates dunking in the chilly waters, we had a "bucket lunch," then started our hike back to our camp by the creek. A quick pack up all our gear saw us then on our way back to Base and our last tent setup for two more nights of camp. This camp was our "stargazing site".

Having slept well on the second night, we were allowed to start a little later at 7am. Today, our first activity was our first rope challenge, Big Ben. In this activity we climbed up a tree in a spiral formation in groups of six reaching to very top climbing in a spiral up 7 metres. Following another healthy lunch, we went off for our second activity of the day which was the milk crate stack a short walk away from our campsite. It took a couple of attempts from our group, but we ended up being able to build and balance on a stack of 13milk crates to a height of 6 metres before they ended up tumbling to the ground.

After dinner, we stayed out and watched the lunar eclipse. It started around 7pm and built to its climax at approximately 9pm as the Super Blood Red Moon. All the stars seemed to sparkle as we had one of the most amazing views of the Milky Way. After this spectacle we went to bed looking forward to our last day.

We had one activity on the final day which was "Giant's Ladder." This consisted of logs being strung up varying from about 1 to 2 metres apart reaching 10 metres vertically. This meant that we had to work together as a team of three to make sure you got up the whole way. This activity was exhausting and took about two hours to get our four teams up the ladder.

Then we went back to our campsite to pack up our tents. At the camp office headquarters, we joined with the other four houses and had a burger for lunch. We thanked our hosts, camp instructors and our teachers and then headed back to school on the buses feeling tired but having had loads of fun and learning new skills.





Champagnat Day

Foley House had much to celebrate on Champagnat Day 2021!

We congratulated Mrs Patricia Thomasson mother of our College Captain, Henry Thomasson for being awarded the College Community member Champagnat Award. Henry is a proud Pastoral Group member of Foley House, 207.

Also, we congratulated Lachlan Britcliffe, 206 Pastoral Care group and Year 12 Foley House student for his Champagnat Award. Lachlan has worked generously and tirelessly as part of the technical crew, giving up many hundreds of hours filming and editing various College events to produce videos for sports and other marketing ventures.

Following our Champagnat Mass, the secondary College engaged in the Rush House organised Tug of War. Again, we congratulated a Foley effort, this time our Tug of War team for their first place. A great day all round for our House.

