



## YEAR 8 SCIENCE EXCURSION

Year 8 students visited the national park at Kurnell to investigate the local ecosystem.

Wednesday 6 September was a great day for all Year 8 students who participated in an ecology field trip. We arrived at Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell very excited and could not wait to walk through the mangroves and along the beach.

Our amazing guides taught us about the local environment and we were trained in the use of scientific instruments to help us analyse the salinity and turbidity of sea water. Walking in the sea to capture specimens was a highlight, so was catching crabs amongst the mangroves.

Our time at the Bay came to an end too quickly as we had to return to school by 2.35pm, however, we had great memories, awesome fun and amazing learning. Additionally, all staff were exceptionally proud of our students who were great ambassadors for Thomas Hassall Anglican College.

Here are some comments and snapshots of a fantastic day! The only negative was that our experience there was too short!

*We liked working outside. The water was freezing but we still had fun. We caught a baby crab, then returned it to its habitat. The teachers were very friendly. **Aliesha***

*The science excursion was very informative and helped us to understand what we had learnt in class. The activities were fun and we got to work with different measuring instruments. **Sara and Angela***

*The science trip to Kurnell was a really enjoyable experience. We learnt many new things and even had the chance to participate in activities such as catching crabs, getting in the water and using scientific equipment.* **Marie and Aya**

*The activities were very interesting and hands-on allowing us to experience it fully. It gave us a whole new perception of how the estuary ecosystem is.* **Jakob, Cooper and Brenden**

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