



Kokoda 2018

## KOKODA TREK 2018

During the holidays a group of intrepid students, parents and staff took on the challenge of the Kokoda Trek in jungles of Papua New Guinea.

The students were Joshua G, Molly K, Madison G, Michael M, Emily F and Sophie H. They were accompanied by parents Roy and Deborah; teachers Anna Mugridge, Lisa Close, Mr Kaye and a student from Oran Park Anglican College Hayden K. The journey challenges the trekkers both physically and emotionally as they follow the path on which Japan engaged in bitter warfare during World War II. They become more connected with our national identity especially the sacrifice and service of young Australians. The experience also immerses the students into the local village lifestyle and demonstrates the vast differences between the PNG culture and our own.

Throughout the trek we were blessed with wonderful weather and all students, parents and staff had a fantastic time. We are ever thankful to the local porters who make the trip so much easier for us.

Our next trek will be in June 2020 for students who will be in Year 10,11. Stay tuned in Term 4 for meetings that will be called.

**Mr Phillip Kaye**

Kokoda Trek Coordinator.