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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & WELLBEING - JUNIOR SCHOOL

Reflecting on the Importance of School Camps

Our Year 5 students have recently returned from an unforgettable few days at The Tops! The laughter, teamwork and sense of adventure that filled each day were a wonderful reminder of why school camps are such an important part of a child's educational journey.

For many students, camp offers something truly special, the chance to make new friends and strengthen existing ones. Away from the familiar routines of the classroom, children learn to work together in new ways, to listen, encourage and celebrate each other's successes. Shared experiences, whether cheering each other on at the giant swing or tackling a team challenge, often create friendships that last well beyond the camp week.

Camps also open the door to new discoveries about self. Many students surprise themselves with what they can achieve, climbing higher, speaking up in a group, or stepping outside their comfort zone. These moments of courage build confidence and resilience, showing students that growth often happens when we face our fears.

From overcoming challenges to learning practical life skills, such as managing belongings and making independent choices, camp nurtures independence in a safe and supportive environment. Teachers and staff are always proud to see students return a little taller in spirit, more self-assured, responsible and ready for new adventures.

As we reflect on our time at The Tops, we celebrate not just the activities and the fun, but the personal growth that took place for each student. School camps remind us that learning happens everywhere, in the classroom, in the bush, on the giant swing and within the heart of every child who dares to try something new.

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