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YEAR 9 CAMP - WEDDERBURN CHRISTIAN CAMPSITE

Even a rainy start couldn’t dampen the spirits of Year 9, as they set off for three days at Wedderburn Christian Campsite. The camp was designed to help foster unity within the grade, encourage students to step outside their comfort zone and to provide a bit of an introduction to the Duke of Ed program, which students can commence this year.

Thankfully, the rain subsided a couple of hours after we arrived at the campsite and students were still able to participate in their first three activities. These included a giant swing, rock climbing, swimming, outdoor laser tag, archery, a crate climb and a vertical challenge. In particular, it was great to see students getting alongside each other, providing encouragement and working together as a team.

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A new experience for many students was putting up and staying in tents for the first time! This was a fun challenge and this, along with the day hike, helped give students a sense of the Duke of Ed program.

The hike was to the beautiful Jingga Pool, a freshwater swimming hole, where many students enjoyed swimming or paddling. The descent and ascent was steep but it was great to see our students push themselves and complete this despite the challenge.

In the evenings, we enjoyed roasting marshmallows on a campfire, a night bush walk, a talk from Mr Catto giving an overview of the Duke of Ed program and a movie.

All in all, it was a wonderful time, and it was very rewarding to see the Year 9 students growing into thoughtful, kind and responsible young people. A huge thank you to the Year 9 PC Teachers and other staff who joined us on the camp; we so appreciate you're the time and energy you put in into making this camp a success.

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