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YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHERS GET HANDS-ON

Our Year 8 Geography students recently stepped out of the classroom and into the shoes of real-world environmental scientists as part of their Water in the World unit.

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Working in their class groups, students visited two distinct local sites to conduct hands-on fieldwork comparing how human activity affects our natural environment. Armed with a full suite of geographic testing equipment, students gathered and analysed data across three key areas:

- **Water Quality:** Testing local water sources for clarity, pH levels, and conductivity.
- **Soil Health:** Analysing soil composition and pH levels.
- **Atmospheric Conditions:** Measuring air temperature, humidity, and microclimate factors.

The primary goal of the excursion was to investigate the contrast between local reserve areas and sites situated closer to main roads. By comparing pollution indicators and environmental health across these two environments, students gained firsthand insight into how urban infrastructure, traffic, and land development impact surrounding ecosystems.

It was fantastic to see Year 8 collaborating, mastering geographic tools, and applying their theoretical knowledge to real-life spaces right in our local community.

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