

August 31, 2018

Executive Director's Message *by Edward Tudor*

Preparing for our Camp next week

Here in Melbourne we've just shivered our way through the coldest day of the year, with the students waking up to minus 1 degree on Tuesday morning! Through this freezing weather, our students have shown their resilience, and also just how well they've acclimatised to life in Melbourne: some insisted on still wearing shorts!

We're crossing our fingers that the weather is kinder next week as we embark on our Term 3 camp. This camp, which is being run for the first time this year with the great support of the Outdoor Education Group, will challenge our students to push themselves, and support their peers, through an exciting program of rafting, canoeing, ropes courses, hiking and camping. The camp will have a journey theme, encouraging our students to think ahead to the challenge and opportunity of next year when they are in their Partner Schools.

Throughout the week students won't have access to their phones. OEG is the leading outdoor education provider in Australia, and their risk management processes are comprehensive. For our parents and guardians thinking of your young people on camp next week, remember that "no news is good news" – but of course you're welcome to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

We wish our students a safe and enriching camp week, and are looking forward to hearing of their adventures this time next week!

Important Dates:

31 August: NT Interviews for 2019 MITS students Continue

3-7 September: OEG Camp, Eildon

13 September: School Assembly

28 September: Students travel home

12 October: Students travel to Melbourne to commence Term 4

18 October: MITS 2018 Gala Dinner



Artwork: Our Country, Kayden, MITS Class of 2018, collaboration with Megan Cope and Monash University Museum of Art

MIT'S AWARDS

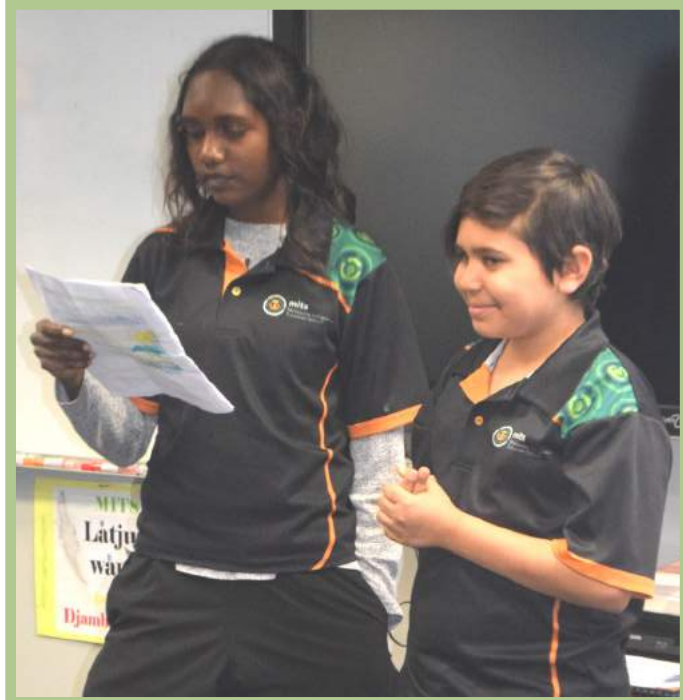
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY August 23

By Elaine

Hi my name is Elaine and I am one of the Term 3 MITS captain with Kayden. I was nervous to host my first assembly because I had been wanting to be a captain since Term 1 when we first got here. The assembly went really well and I was happy and proud. Timikar and Gigi won the big awards and Shontanay, Cecil and Adam also won awards. I'm looking forward to the next assembly.

MIT'S RESPECT AWARD

Presented by
Brad Carmody to
Cecil Purantatumeri





MITS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & EFFORT AWARD
Presented by
Kathryn Gale to **Timikar Johnson**



MITS COURAGE AWARD
Presented by
Sally Cunningham
to **Shontanay Harrison**

The MITS BOARDING EXCELLENCE AWARD
Presented by Edward Tudor to
Georgie Burarrawanga-Wilson



MITS CARE AWARD
Presented by
Sarah George to
Adam Macale





Mt Buller Snow Trip

I enjoyed going to Mt Buller with my friends and teachers and I hope next year I will go to Mt Buller again with my new friends and new teachers.

My challenge was trying to get up by myself without help from others and it was really hard for me.

I learnt some snow-board skills and how to stop while going down the hill.

The funniest moment was when I crash into a random guy and he push me away and I fall over and land on my face into the snow.

By Timikar



On August the 10th the whole school went on a snow trip to Mt Buller for the day.

I enjoyed when we went on the lifts and we had to stand, and the seat was coming, and we had to sit down, and we went over a lot of people. When we got outside the wind was so strong it almost knocked me over.

A challenge for me was when we started our lesson how we had to pick ourselves up with the board.

I learnt how to get up and how to snow board you must bend your legs and how to stop yourself.

The funniest part was when I was going down the hill I was going really fast and I bumped into Denise.

By Shontanay



The Snow

I enjoyed playing and making my own mini snowman.
Also I enjoyed the lunch.

My challenge was trying to enjoy the day without skiing.

I learnt how to ski but I twisted my ankle.

The funniest moment was seeing the MITS kids fall over on their face.

By Lilly



Tree of Life by Michelle Kerrin

I was lucky enough to be a part of the Tree of Life program as Jenae's special guest in Week 5. It was a special moment to hear the students responses to their trees and the journey that they have come on. I was proud to be a part of the session with the girls and so grateful to hear how proud they were of themselves, where they have come from, their families, special friends and their cultures. It was amazing to see how confident they were. The girls were able to say out loud and with pride that they all had special strengths that make them strong and deadly young people. The Tree of Life program is a special way to illustrate a sense of purpose in yourself, your own journey and your future. I feel very fortunate that I got to be a part of this session and create a sense of belonging for our young people.



Visit from Milikapiti & Pirlangimpi students



Last Tuesday some kids from the Tiwi Islands came to visit our school. They were on a trip to visit Brighton Grammar and Fribank. I saw my sister, her name is Bianca and she was one of the adults that came down for the trip. She came with her nephew. On Thursday they came to the boarding house and we took them across to St Kevin's to play basketball and then had pizza with them. I was really happy to see them all.

By Brayden





Sirius College Students Visit MITS

On the 16th of August we had an intercultural visit from Sirius College. The classes had exchanged letters to introduce themselves and ask questions. When Sirius College came to visit we all had a chat from Bachar Houli and then we shared lunch together. After lunch we taught the kids how to play Buroinjin which was great fun. Then we went for a walk up to the scar tree and told the Sirius students about our culture. It was great to meet all the kids and talk to them. Hopefully we will get to go and see them at their school soon.



Sharing Lunch Together



Sport and Games



Animation Art Workshops with Swinburne

This term Sam and Joanna from Swinburne came into the classroom and have helped us make a Stop Motion Go animation. We have had some sessions at school and then we all went to Swinburne to create the animation. At school we planned out what we wanted in the story, we made the backgrounds, the figures, and the props for when we went to Swinburne. Our story is about our journey to MITS and we have used animals to represent the journey.

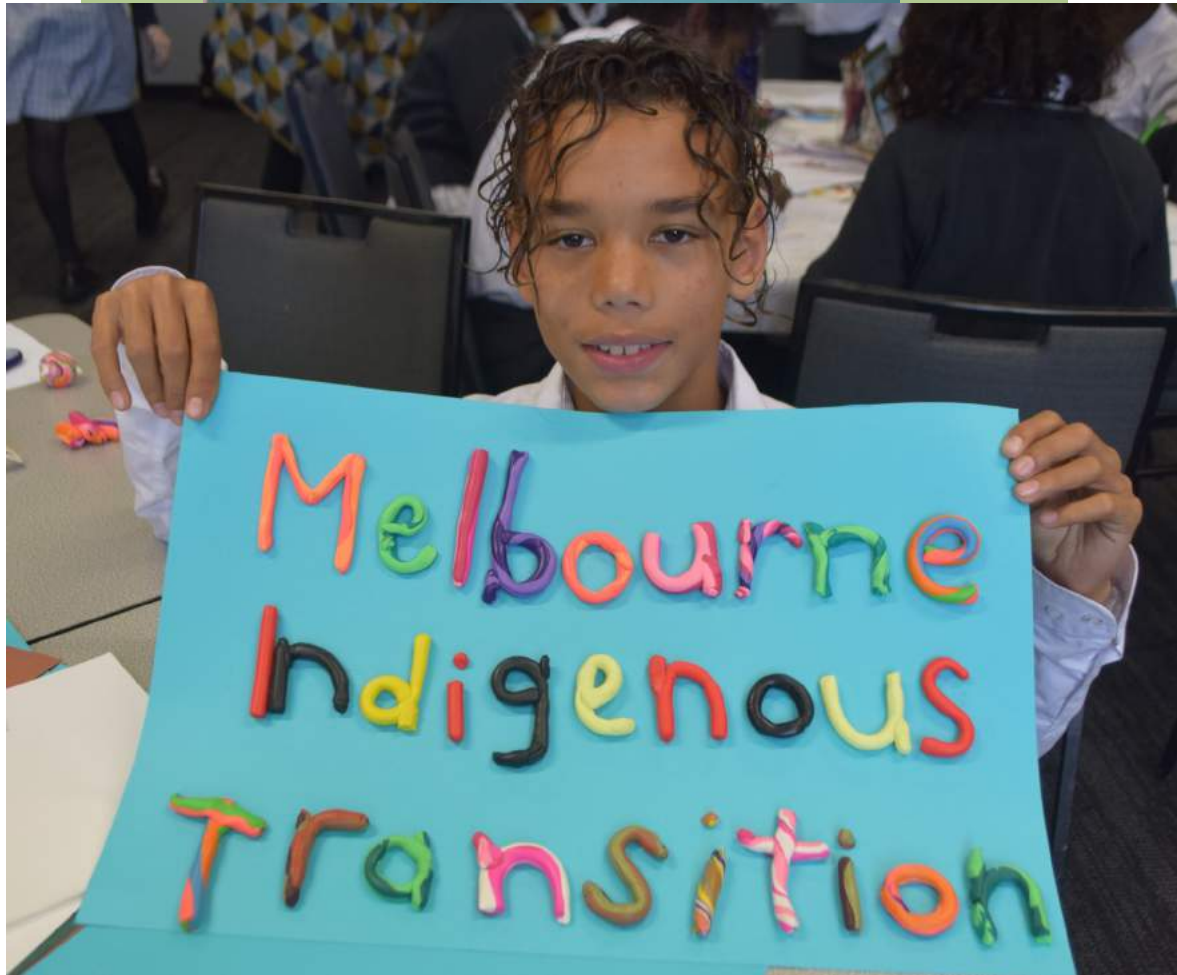
When we first arrived at Swinburne, they showed us around and how all the Stop Motion Go equipment worked. Then we split into groups and set up the scenes. We had to take a new picture every time we moved the objects and that created the animation. It was hard to move the objects without moving them too slow or too fast and making sure the shadows and your fingers didn't get in the way of the shot. It was exciting to watch the animation back and we can't wait to see it all finished.

By Jenae





Our
Journey
to



Introducing

Charlotte and Sophie

Some super exciting news for us here at Lockington is the recruitment of two new female members, Charlotte De Oliveira and Sophie McDonagh, who come from both a teaching and social work background. Charlotte has been a volunteer in the classroom and boarding at MITS since we first opened. Both Charlotte and Sophie spent time working in communities in the Northern Territory. It is fantastic and exciting to have them as part of our team.



CHARLOTTE



SOPHIE

Lockington News *by Amanda Haggie*



Well the footy season has well and truly wound up for our students, but the memories are strong, they have had a brilliant season thanks to the encouragement and support of the Richmond Junior Football Club. Many of the kids still spend loads of time in their RJFC gear. We are all looking forward to the end of season prize giving.

The final piece of our formal uniform has arrived for the boys, our gorgeous new orange and charcoal ties. These have also been kindly donated by Dobson's and just top off the smart look.



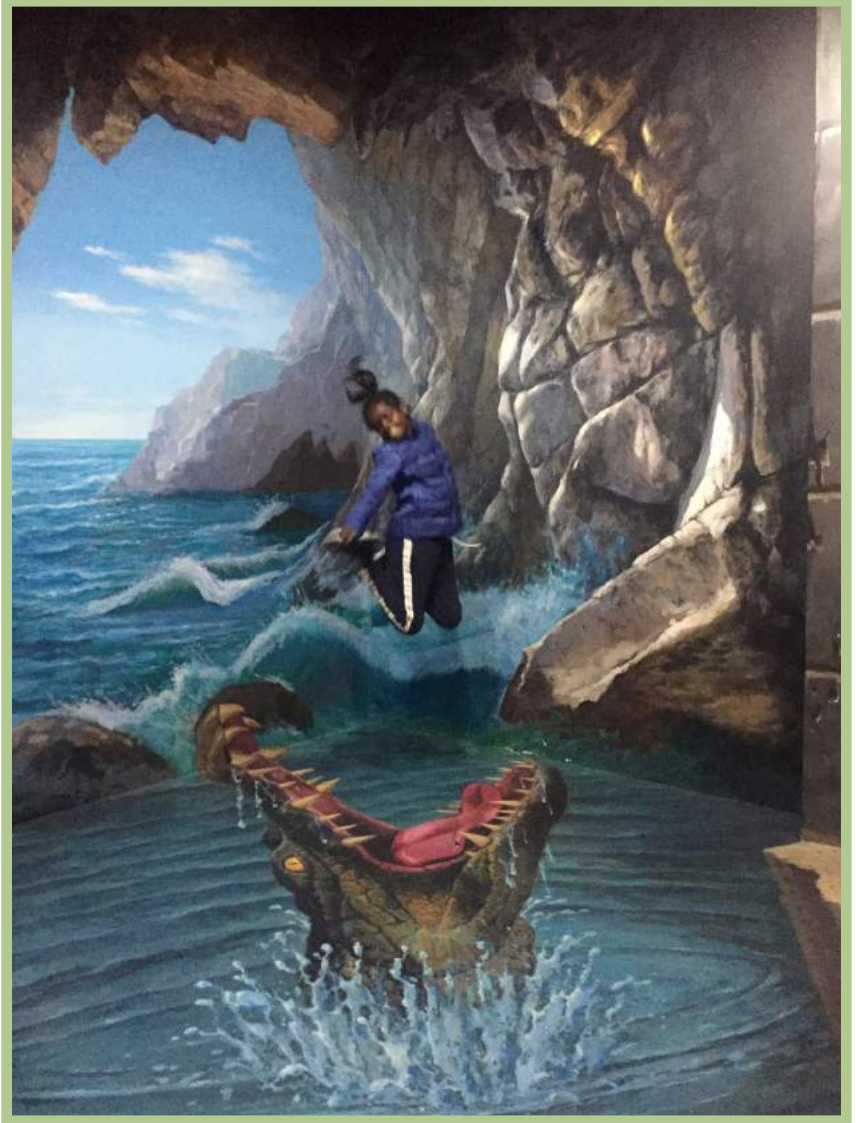
Movie Night at The Jam Factory

Movie trips are always popular, particularly when on a Saturday night at the Jam Factory which include ice cream, popcorn and a drink!



Weekends at Lockington

Our weekends at Lockington continue to be filled with exciting adventures and one of these was a visit to a 3D Art exhibition where the students were able to place themselves in the artwork to create a 3D image. Some of these were incredible.

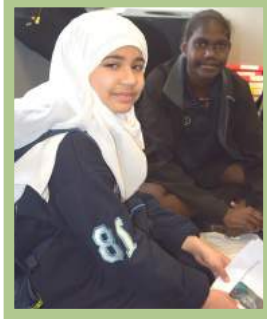




Tree of Life



Sirius College Visit

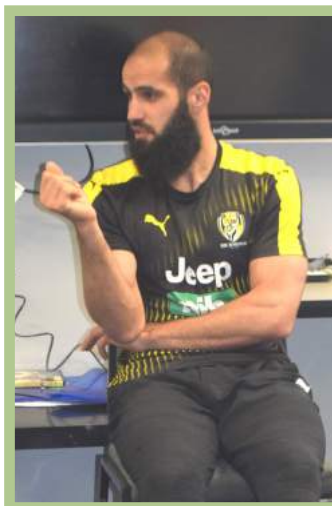




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Bachar Houli





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**Thank You to Sam
and Swinburne Staff!**

