

WARMUN IMMERSION 2015

From the 18th to the 28th of September, seven Year 11 students, accompanied by two teachers set out on an immersion trip to the small community of Warmun located in the Kimberley Area of Western Australia. The trip included living amongst an Aboriginal community and assisting in the towns school 'Ngalangangpum School'. This immersion organised through Catholic Mission provided the girls with the opportunity to see and experience:

- the close-knit relationship the Aboriginal people have with each other
- difficulties faced within the community - alcoholism, drug abuse
- effects of isolation
- effects of natural disaster (major flood occurred wiping away whole town)
- poverty such as very low income, children and adults not getting the right nutrition, overpopulated houses, decreased hygienic levels

Mackillop College, assisted the Warmun community by donating monetary funds which will be distributed by a coordinator effectively and where it is most needed. Not only was money given into the community but a bond was formed between the students and teachers and the people of Warmun.

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