

## REC MISSION

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Immersion Experience to Alice Springs that took place during the holidays was an incredible journey into the spirituality and culture of the Arrernte people of Central Australia. While at times confronting and challenging the group's preconceived ideas about the First Peoples, the experience opened our eyes and hearts more compassionately to the issues and circumstances of the Aboriginal communities we visited. The beauty of the desert region was stunning.



The gifts that the Arrernte people conveyed through their art and tradition, especially their Dreaming stories were wonderful, even overwhelming at times. Some of the highlights were visiting Burt Creek community, the Santa Teresa community and the artists in residence, the Araluen Cultural Precinct, the Akeyulerre Healing Centre, Simpson's gap and Uluru.



In next week's edition of the News & Views you will have the opportunity to hear from the Year 11 participants and their response to the Immersion Experience.

I would like to extend a grateful thank you to the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst for assisting with this opportunity.