

REC MISSION

Dear Parents & Friends,

iRise Leaders Formation Day

This week's reflection comes from Daisy Pike, one of our newly elected Senior Council Leaders. Daisy was one of the participants on the iRise Leaders Formation Day. Daisy's reflection gives you some insight into the day, as do the photos on the following page.

Last Friday the 27th of October a group of College Student Leaders from the Senior Council, House Captains and Music Ministry, travelled to the Orange Agricultural Institute for the annual iRise Leaders Formation Day. This day featured schools from across the Diocese of Bathurst. The girls were greeted with a Welcome to Country by Wiradjuri Echoes and an Opening Liturgy which most definitely set the tone for the exploration of faith, culture and leadership which were to follow.

Within mixed school groups, four workshops took place, all with varying focuses such as Wiradjuri Echoes, Blind Eye Ministries, RealTalk and Contemporary Music for Worship and Service. Following these enlightening workshops we celebrated a reflective, prayerful Mass presided by Bishop Michael. Everyone became really involved in the Mass and started to open up and take in the messages that were presented throughout the day. Messages like, 'eliminating stereotypes', 'holding a strong, positive inner self worth', 'seeing the needs of the body and the soul' and 'understanding that it is our job to make our church a place where new ideas and ways to worship can be expressed.

We were able to mix with the other students from the schools during a lunchtime of frisbee throwing and footy kicking. The day ended with an address by the music group Emmanuel Worship and youth ministry worker Pat Keady. These final presentations saw the girls up dancing and soaking up the passion Emmanuel Worships' music proclaimed. The day ended with a very reflective and possibly the most rewarding session of the day on Servant Leadership, that is, leading the way using our faith and Jesus as a model to guide. The presentation communicated how we as leaders of our College community can make best this opportunity, to lead by being of assistance to those in need, in a compassionate and caring manner. The day fulfilled all expectations and left all who attended with a new sense of what it means to express our faith, what it means to lead our College community and how we can best connect our faith in God to our call to serve the needs of others through leadership. Special thanks must be extended to both Mrs Whelan and Miss Fry for accompanying us on the day and allowing us to be part of this worthwhile opportunity.