

BBC STUDENT INTERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE

Last Wednesday evening radio commentator and presenter, Nicky Price, from the [BBC Gloucestershire](#), broadcast her three hour morning program live from the [Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum](#) in Bathurst to their London breakfast audience. This was in association with the recently launched Community and Friendship Association between Bathurst, Australia and Cirencester, United Kingdom.

Nicky interviewed a number of local residents and students about life in Bathurst in order to offer an insight into our educational, cultural and sporting facilities. One of those interviewed was Year 11 student Megan Walton. She spoke about school life at MacKillop College, studying for the Higher School Certificate, and overseas school excursions such as the Modern History European Tour and the recent Japanese Tour for 2018.

A combined MacKillop and Stannies choir were the standout performance of the evening. MacKillop students Gabby Whitwell, Alex Parnell, Niamh Sinclair, Louise Hill and Monique Grima joined five Stannies students to perform the Queen hit, We Are The Champions, from the recently performed combined College's musical We Will Rock You.

This opportunity for our students to speak about the College and perform to an international audience arose as a result of the Cirencester and the City of Bathurst Friendship Initiative, launched in October 2017 in the presence of His Excellency The High Commissioner of Australia, Alexander Downer. The aim of the friendship is to promote awareness, communication and opportunities between the people and organisations of the two regional cities.

The students were very honoured to be asked to speak and perform at this important event and would like to thank the staff from the Bathurst Regional Council and the [Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum](#) for their hospitality and support in promoting the Bathurst region.

Ann Walton

