



## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES - ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE

All Saints' College's partnership with Teach Learn Grow (TLG) continues to provide opportunities for Senior School students to learn from, provide support for, and help make a positive difference to the lives of children in remote and rural Western Australian communities.

Most recently, 28 Year 11 and 12 students and seven staff from All Saints' embarked on a week-long trip to Fitzroy Crossing where they provided one-on-one tutoring and mentoring at the Bayulu Remote Community School and Fitzroy Valley District High School. While in the Kimberley region, the group also engaged in immersive tours and experiences to further engage with Indigenous history and culture.

This year's expedition was the College's fourth annual Fitzroy Crossing Service Learning Immersion, run in partnership with TLG – an organisation which aims to improve the educational outcomes and aspirations of rural and remote students in socio-economically disadvantaged areas in Australia.

Over the past four years, the program's popularity has significantly increased at All Saints', and the College's partnerships have expanded to include other remote schools in the region. Related initiatives have also transpired, including the artistic Voices project which provides an opportunity for a small team of Media students to attend the trip to photograph and film the experiences and stories of the All Saints' team as well as of individuals from the communities with which the College has built strong and respectful connections.

To further strengthen the partnership with Bayulu, the College hosts on campus a group of students and staff from the remote community school while the



Bayulu students are on a week-long camp in Perth. This group joins the Year 6 students at All Saints' for a day of collaborative activities, sharing cultures and experiences. The two communities have also in the past enjoyed a BBQ lunch together, where they are joined by the Year 11 and 12 students who participated in the College's Fitzroy Crossing Service Learning Immersion program earlier in the year. This experience enhances All Saints' students understanding of the value of learning from others and the importance of equal educational opportunities.

The Fitzroy Crossing Service Learning Immersion program is one of the many unique and valuable opportunities available to All Saints' Senior School students through the College's H3: *Heads, Hearts and Hands* Service Learning program. The imperative to service is drawn from the College's Anglican foundations and aims to empower students to become connected, confident and compassionate members of society.

