

## **Residential News**

The Year 10 residential was another great success. It is always fun for us teachers to observe students in a different light and is made even better when they are working together in nature. I can list all the great activities and life skills learned, but I think it's best to have the students give your their experience and lessons gleaned with their peers from 3 days in Blanik.

I would also like to thank the 3E leaders and Year 10 tutor team. Their behind the scenes work may have gone unnoticed by some but they deserve their moment in the limelight. Their unselfish attitude and positivity were critical in providing your children with a safe and successful residential.

**Mr Korczyk**

**Head of Year 10**

“On Monday, the kids from Year 10 went on a residential trip with their classmates, to get to know each other better and make new connections. As a student from Year 10 who participated in different activities, I can clearly say what the students liked and what they disliked. Throughout the trip I heard a lot of opinions, and with some of them I agree. The trip had its upsides and downsides, however there were more upsides than downsides. The accommodation was good, and as a place to sleep for 2 nights I wouldn't expect much more. The rooms were pretty comfortable, airy and had quite a lot of space. The “3E Outdoors” staff were great, the instructors were very kind and open towards students and always helped if someone had a question or a concern. Our school teachers were looking after us and making sure that we always had company and something to do. The activities themselves were very interesting, and they definitely helped the students to connect with each other and make new friends. Most of the students enjoyed raft building and shelter building the most, because they were the most interesting activities which we had in our plan. Also, what I really enjoyed, was that the students themselves helped others if in need, it wasn't always the teachers doing that. That means that our school society is very friendly and helpful. The evening campfire made the last evening in Blanik very cosy and made itself memorable. I enjoyed the residential trip and would like to go to another residential trip in the future.”

Dmitry Chukhrov Year 10B

“This year I went on my first PBIS residential trip. Seeing as I wasn't able to go last year, I wasn't sure what to expect but I wasn't disappointed. At school they had already told us that one of the main goals of this trip was to meet people we hadn't talked to before and ideally, to make new friends for the year to come. I wasn't thrilled with the idea of being sorted into random groups away from my friends with people I didn't know, but I actually learned quite a bit because of it. Sure it was awkward at the beginning but, through several team building activities and games, we got to know each other better and cooperating became easier each time. Once in a while we'd laugh about things that had happened and then we'd start talking to each other willingly about each other's interests and I did make some new friends I hope to keep this year. We also learned some valuable survival skills such as building a shelter, efficiently using a compass, and the basic needs for survival in the wild which might come in handy someday. So, for me, the residential trip was a success.”

Mette Timmer Year 10E

“As a year group, we were encouraged to step out of our comfort zone by working in an environment that was different to what we are used to. I really enjoyed that in this residential trip we were faced with a range of different activities that involved us communicating, listening to each other and working as a team. During this trip we have gotten to meet the new students and get to know them better outside of the school environment.”

Sabina Zhaxelekova Year 10C

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