

Gold Coast
Camp
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Gäwa news

New experiences and adventures were guaranteed as sixteen students and staff ventured to the Gold Coast for a memorable 10 day interstate school camp. Fun parks, swimming, boat rides, jet skis, movies, Indigenous dancing, wildlife adventures and many more activities were packed into a week of many firsts for all the children. We were constantly smiling and grinning as we shared a special week together. God's love is huge and infinite and we know that he loves the children of Gäwa. This camp was a chance for them to feel extra special, for us to celebrate their hard work at school, their high attendance and to show the children how much God loves them. How amazing is that!

Lara Hvala – Teaching Principal



Ready to embark on our adventure!

I liked Dreamworld because we went on an upside down ride. It was really fun. I also liked the Rapids Ride because you went in a tunnel and I got to go with all my friends. The tunnel was dark. The tiger show was very good. The tigers jumped over things. The log ride was also fun because you went straight down a big slide. I really liked camp.

By Eva



I liked going to Dreamworld. I liked going on the log ride with Gapala, Eva and Chanara. I put my hands up into the air and had lots of turns. I also liked going through the dark tunnel on the rapids ride. I also liked patting the koalas at Dreamworld. Camp was the best!

By Leilani



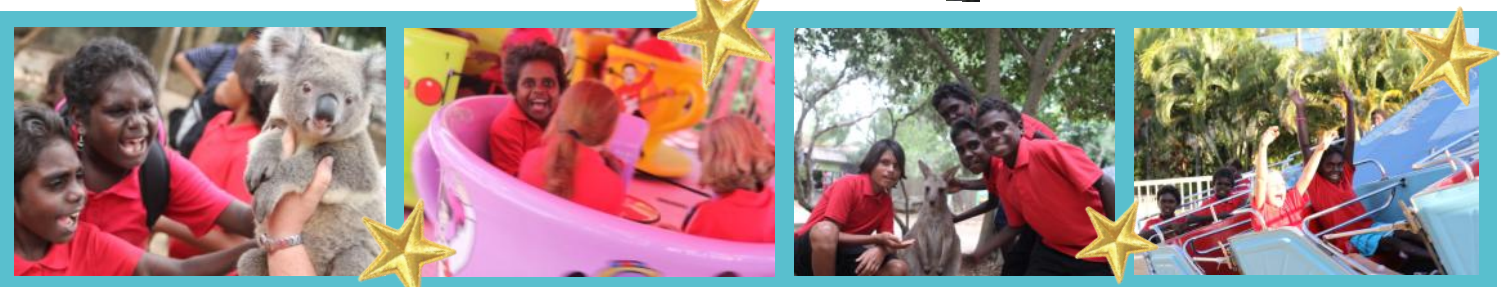
This year the students from Banthula and Gäwa went to the Gold Coast for 10 days. The kids went on so many fun rides which was exciting. They enjoyed every day. This camp was so different to their lives on Elcho Island. They had an opportunity to see amazing things everyday that they have never seen before. They even got to pat kangaroos, koalas and emus. This was a great week for staff and students to be together and everyone was satisfied and amazed and exhausted at the end of each day.

By Basma Ganalarritj



My favourite ride was the bumper cars at Dreamworld.

By Maymaynu



We went to the Gold Coast. I liked going to Dreamworld and Wet and Wild. My favourite ride was the bumper cars. We also got to go to the movies and Infinity. I also liked going to the lake and ride on the Jet skis. It was fast, funny and good! BY JC

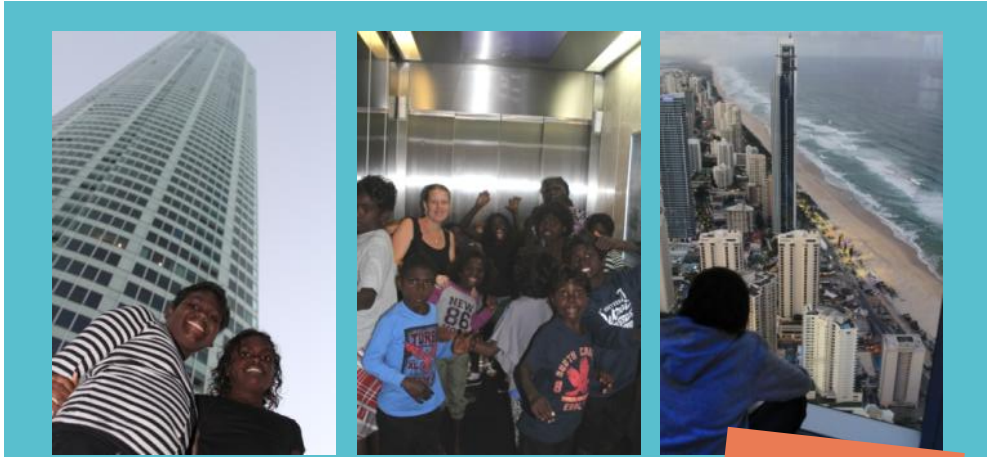


Quack'r'Duck

Wet 'n' Wild



We had a tour of the city and waterways on the 'Quack'r'Duck' amphibious vehicle.



We travelled by lift up 77 floors of the Q1 building to be wowed by a 360 degree views of the Gold Coast. We arrived just on dusk so were able to see the city in daylight and also marvel at the beautiful night lights. What a spectacular sight!

Skypoint Tower

My favourite activity was Infinity. I liked the lights and the star room. We had to wear gloves on our hands and feet. The gloves glowed in the dark. By Gapala



Infinity



I loved swimming in the pool everyday at our accommodation. It was really nice to swim at night too. I also loved the giant wave pool and the log ride. I also liked seeing the crocodiles at Dreamworld and Currumbin Wildlife Park and I loved going on the jet skis. Camp was really cool!

By James

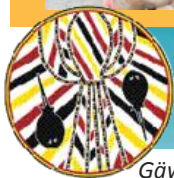
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary



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I loved watching the ladies dancing with the fans. The food was nice, they cooked it in the sand under the ground.

By Sarah



It was a busy, crazy, fun filled week but we needed just a bit more adrenelin pumping through our veins before the conclusion of our camp. We escaped the bustle of the city and headed out to the tranquil countryside for a day of fun on the water. Our fabulous hosts, James and Chrissy towed the kids behind the boat on a big tube and for our more adventurous students, there were rides on the jetski. The kids had the most fabulous day and the adults enjoyed relaxing and getting a bit of a breather after our non-stop week! What a joy to see so many huge smiles and screams of excitement!

By Salome

Moogerah Dam



Thankyou!!!

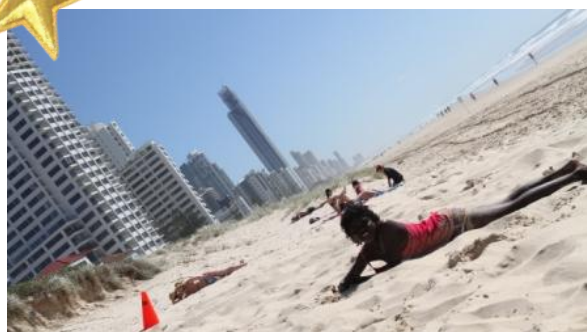
Thank you to our wonderful sponsors and friends of Gäwa. You have all supported us in so many ways over the years. We diligently work towards giving the children a wonderful Christian education and your support allows

us to always provide so many wonderful resources and opportunities for the children at our school. Thank you for blessing us, for allowing us to spoil the children and for rewarding the children who are excelling at school. Your mammoth donations, your continual prayer support and your assistance with fundraising continues to bring so much joy to the children of Gäwa. Bless you all.

Lara Hvala



We all enjoyed filling our tummies with amazing food and treats.



Being at the beach was the only part of being on the Gold Coast that felt vaguely familiar!



What a huge ten days! By the end of our stay we were totally exhausted from having just too much fun. Every day the kids woke up and asked "what adventure are we going on today?" They kept up with all our wild activities and outings and were absolute superstars despite us tiring them out on a daily basis! We were all excited to get back home and share with our families all the many wonderful memories.

By Salome



Catching up on a bit of sleep at the airport

