WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART

DAY 1:

Grade 4 camp was held on the 29th of October to the 31st of October. We left school at 8am and drove to Alexandra Battery. Alexandra Battery was built to keep Hobart safe. There was lots of tunnels and hideouts and stairs going up a hill through a secret tunnel, it was very hard to walk up. We also went to Bellerive Battery which was built across the water from the Alexandra Battery. All of the tunnels there were locked up and were very dark and scary inside.

We then went to the TMAG (Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery). We had a tour with a man called John and we learnt that the Bond Store was one of the first buildings built in Hobart. It was built by convicts as a warehouse when people first settled in Hobart. We also learned about how the British people invaded the Aboriginal people, and the types of animals they bought with them.

Next we went to the East Side Activity Centre. This is a big place where they do gymnastics and have huge trampolines. We split into 3 groups and rotated around different activities. The activities were the foam pit, trampolines and double tramps.

We then arrived at Orana Guide Camp in Lauderdale, where we were staying. We had some time to explore, went to the beach and had a sand sculpture competition. We had time to prepare for Grade 4’s Got Talent when we got back. The funniest item was Will Tinker and his Sumo Wrestlers (Oscar Thorpe and Harris Short).
DAY 2:
The next day we went to the Convict and Colonial museum in Copping. There were creepy robots and some old stuff like telephones, pianos, dolls and old number plates. We saw some things that the convicts used, like the heavy punishment tools.

We then went to the Blowhole, which is in Doo Town. Doo Town is a place where houses have names with "Doo" in them. For example, DooWee, Dr DooLittle and DooLicious. At the Blowhole there was a river with a big rocky arch over it. It was very far down, and was a tiny bit scary.

We then went to Port Arthur Historic Site. We had a tour guide called Jenny, and she showed us some old houses that the convicts built, punishment cells, and a chapel. The chapel in the Separate Prison was weird and scary because there were tiny little rooms in it and they made you feel claustrophobic. We learned how the convicts lived and worked. We then went to the discovery Museum. We each got a card, and we had to find our convict. We also saw some convict uniforms and there was a court appearance. Some of us tried on the heavy ball and chains.

We then went to the Coal Mines at Saltwater River, and Mr McQueen told us some things about it. There were little rooms that were pitch black, and so some people were scaring each other. There were holes in the ground that convicts used as toilets. Yuck!

Then we visited the Tessellated Pavements. They are near a beach and are amazing. We all looked for crabs under some of the rocks.

That night back at the camp we had a campfire. We toasted marshmallows and shared some God Moments that happened on the camp. We then played a game of spotlight.

DAY 3:
On our last day we went to archery at 9.00am. We did long distance and target practice. It was so fun.

Then we went back to camp and we did Scotty’s survival skills. He showed us how to survive in the bush if we were lost. He made a trail for us so we could find him. Then we had lunch and an icy pole and then came back to school.

That was Grade 4 Camp and we had lots of fun!

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