



The Bialik cohort in central Australia

# Bialik students explore central Australia

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Bialik students in years 8 and 9 recently spent 10 days immersing themselves in the natural wonders of Central Australia.

The three-day bus ride with overnight stays in Adelaide and Coober Pedy gave the group a chance to bond before arriving in Alice Springs, where they got to explore the bustling town.

"We were given a lot of free time during the camp, which made me feel like the teachers trusted us to be responsible," said year 8 student Timnah Davies.

Students were reminded of the complexities of everyday life in such a vast and historical land with tours to the Royal Flying Doctors Service, School of the Air and an immersive Indigenous lifestyle educational program at Lilla Indigenous Community.

Jade Liberman, year 8, said: "I really enjoyed the visit to the Indigenous community. There was so much to learn about their culture and there were so many

fun activities."

With visits to Ormiston Gorge, Kings Canyon, footy games, a reptile park, helicopter rides, songs, a special Shabbat and even more visits to magnificent, exciting new places, the climax of the trip was a walk around the great Uluru.

Some students chose to run, whilst others chose to walk, everyone taking in the jaw-dropping beauty of the terrain.

While many students are amazed when seeing some of the country's most spectacular views for the first time, most agree that the highlight of the biannual camp is getting to know students from a different year level.

In the spirit of community that is encouraged at Bialik College, the year 8s and 9s experience an activity-packed camp while forging new friendships and strengthening existing ones.

Students find themselves in new social situations and learn to trust and understand their peers as they help each other through physical and mental challenges.