

A solid school friendship

IN a show of school solidarity, Bialik College principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner accepted an invitation to St Philip's College in Alice Springs from principal Roger Herbert to celebrate their six-year relationship.

It follows an incident two months ago when the Northern Territory school came under intense scrutiny after a student dressed up as Adolf Hitler during a Book Week fancy dress parade while Bialik students were in the audience.

At the time, a spokesperson at St Philip's said the student, who "has an interest in history and politics", had got permission to wear the costume from a member of staff.

Stating that the school apologised "unreservedly for any offence that has been caused", and was reviewing policies on these kind of events "to ensure that nothing like this can happen again", the spokesperson said, "This was an innocent mistake by a teacher who is a respected, honourable and lovely person who got it wrong on the day."

Stowe-Lindner, who visited the school with students set to take part in the exchange program in 2017, said, "The St Philip's community have embraced Bialik students and have been proactive and thoughtful in their educational response to September's situation.

"I was most grateful to principal Roger Herbert and chaplain Sarah Pollitt for their hospitality, educational gravitas and inclusivity."

Pictured from left are Meshie Bargil, Jordan Kaplan, Herbert, Stowe-Lindner, Kiah Shnider and Noam Miron.

