

## SPECIALISED PROGRAMS

### Cairns District Year 6 Leadership Program

Year 6 School Leaders participate in the program to enhance leadership skills to assist them in their journey as the leaders of their school.



### Leaders pass hardest test: the self

**Jasmine Nowak (Whitfield State School), Amina Ayres (Yorkeys Knob State School), Skye Thomson (Balaclava State School) and Rhianna Flewelling (Kuranda State College). Cairns District Year 6/7 Leadership Program**

On March 13, the school leaders from Gordonvale SS, Whitfield SS, Macraes Beach SS, Balaklava SS, Yorkeys Knob SS and Kuranda SS all attended an overnight stay at the amazing Year 6/7 Leadership Program at Hileways Beach Environmental Education Centre (HRECC).

One of the first activities we did was learning about the qualities of a leader and goal-setting. We also spent a lot of time getting to know, introduce and helping new people, as well as making lots of new friends.

In the afternoon, we were lucky enough to have AFL teacher Mr Marc Hartree come & and talk on his inspiring life story, about how he overcame his struggles, and how he followed his dream to become the first leader to fly.

After his speech, we had Cairns State High School's male captain, Simon Johnson, and vice captain, Elias Kuhn, talk to us about going into high school and continuing leadership roles there.

In the end of the day, I think everyone at the camp agreed that the most challenging activity we did would clearly be the high rope course. This was definitely challenging because you had to have trust in your team and take courage in yourself to complete the course available to us.

In conclusion, all the leaders have been gaining their confidence with all the courses. They have been practicing public speaking, wanting to be inspiring role models, and to be thoughtful of others around them. These leaders have been successful throughout the program, and have learned how to be a real leader and show leadership, friendship and courage.

We would like to give a special thank you to Louise and Chris for letting us have a hard time as much as about leadership, and we would also like to thank all the teachers and staff at Hileways Beach for giving up their time as well.



Growth opportunity: Inter-school leaders learn about leadership, friendship and courage at Hileways Beach.



Inspirational meeting: Zoe Parfitt from Frodwater State School with guest speaker Marc Hartree.

