The Big Bike Ride 2015

7am Friday 31st July and 25 riders set out from the front gates of O’Loughlin Catholic College accompanied by a police escort and a convoy of support vehicles, on what promised to be a long, gruelling and yet rewarding day of riding.

Four months earlier, way back in first term our training program began. Each Monday and Wednesday after school, the riders would gather and off we would go to work on our cycling skills and build up our endurance. Even during the holidays a dedicated few would always be there, putting in the hard work. But it all paid off when they came riding through the college gates just before 3pm to the cheers and congratulations of the rest of the school.

Each year the ride endeavours to raise funds for a particular charity. Over the years we have helped with research into cures for Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy and Prostate cancer just to name a few. This year we rode for “Headspace NT” an organisation that offers support to those suffering from depression and other mental health issues. Hundreds of dollars have been raised already, while awareness of Headspace services has certainly been increased.

We thank everyone who took part in the ride and the events surrounding it and look forward to seeing more faces take on the 135km challenge next year.

Ride Timetable:

7am – Depart O’Loughlin
7.50am – Howard Springs
8.10am – Coolalinga Lights
8.45am - Reidy’s Lures on the hwy
9.10am – Noonamah
9.30am – Stuart Hwy Turn off to Berry Springs
10.05am – Territory Wildlife Park
10.50am – Southport
12.15pm - Berry Springs on the return
12.30pm – Stuart Hwy
1.55pm – Howard Springs
2.25pm – Mc Millans Road
2.50pm – O’Loughlin Arrival