Youth Ministry Training Day with the NET Team

A few weeks back the NET team, who led out Year 8 and 10 retreats, spent a day with the Year 10 and 11 Youth Ministry students. They were joined by past College Leader (2014) Adrianne Furlan who now works with Benita De Vincentiis in the Diocese Youth Office. The purpose of the day was ‘Youth Ministry Training’, where the Team shared the secrets of leading games, small groups, skits, dramas, testimonies and prayer. It was great to see our students taking it all in and even getting involved in some hilarious skits also known as AME’s (After Meal Entertainment).

Here are some reflections from some of the students:

*My favourite things about the year 10 retreat and the Youth Ministry Training Day were the AME (skits), the games we played and the Prayer at the end of the day. I liked the AME from both days but especially from the second day because it was really funny and other people got involved in it. The games were really fun too, i really enjoyed watching the obstacle course from the first day because after the course had been completed the NET team linked it to our lives so we could relate to it. I also liked praying at the end of the day because it gave us some time to reflect by ourselves. Ashlie Grace Long (Year 10)*

*I enjoyed the two days that we spent with the NET team as I felt that they helped me deepen my faith in God. The highlights of these two days for me, were the AME’s, the activity where the boys and girls exchanged questions that we wanted to know about each other and the reflection/prayers that concluded the day. I especially enjoyed the prayers at the end because it gave me time to think and reflect on all the mistakes that I have made and what good things I have done. Grace (my group leader) ended my day with a really nice prayer and positive comments which brightened my mood. Overall I think everyone really got something out of these two days and had lots of fun. Helen Wallace (Year 10)*

*One particular occasion where I have been personally evangelised is when the 2015 NET youth ministry team came to school and held a day long retreat for us. I’ve been to many retreats at school but this one was the most memorable, because there were parts of it where I felt connected to God in some way. The main part was when the team performed a drama which showed Jesus taking the pain away from someone. After this we went into a silent prayer time where we had to write something about the day or a prayer for God. During this time I reflected on the entire day and how I should be more open to God. After this experience I felt like I had a better understanding of my relationship with God and the*
NET team themselves. Overall it affected my values towards religion and youth ministry.
Kaytlyn O’Neil (Year 11)

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