



# Christ Church Grammar School

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church boys return from Venture of a lifetime**

Christ Church Grammar School's 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive Venture expedition proved a fantastic success for over 200 of its Year 10 boys who recently returned from an 11-day hike in the wilderness of our state's south.

Supported by teaching staff and outdoor professionals, 14 groups of boys were spread across 200 kilometres of the area ranging from Pemberton to Denmark.

"It was evident that our boys had prepared well for this significant journey with activities such as the Year 9 Koorringal camp certainly assisting," says the School's Director of Activities, Neil Sagers.

"A typical day involved each group embarking on a 20 to 25 kilometre trek early in the morning, making their way to the next camp site."

"Two leaders from each group were in charge of the decision making and navigation for the day, overseen by a teaching staff member and outdoor professional."

"One of the magical highlights was on day eight or nine where each boy would go on a short solo to prepare a time capsule."

Venture participant Harry Dowling said, "My Venture experience was a very positive and enjoyable one. We had a really interesting route with a variety of bush, beach and river walks, as well as rafting and canoeing."

"Our group really bonded which allowed us to get to camp in good time and relax. Although we had some very long days, these were quickly forgotten when we arrived at camp and got on with what had to be done."

"It was an enjoyable experience that our current Year 9s should be looking forward to and one I will never forget."

Venture is a compulsory component of Christ Church Grammar School's Outdoor Education program and is a rite of passage for Year 10 boys.

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