

Antarctica Trip

Last year six year 5 students from Secret Harbour PS won a trip to Antarctica, making history as the youngest to set foot on Antarctica! The postcard the students sent to the school while they were away arrived in January!

Antarctic Expedition Report 2017

Last year, six of our year five students went on what may end up being one of the most amazing adventures of their lives!



Imogen, Tanika, Kindra, Charlie, George & Lucas accompanied by Mrs Chatfield and Mrs DiGiuseppe travelled to Antarctica for the day last Wednesday.

They flew from Hobart to the Wilkins Aerodrome in Antarctica on an Airbus A319, landing on the nearly 4km long runway made of ice. While on the ground they rode in specially designed snow vehicles called Haggglunds, assisted Scientists take ice core samples, experienced life in a field camp and met many of the amazing Australians who live and work at Casey Station.

On arrival the temperature was a chilly -11°C which felt even colder due to the wind chill. Luckily the Australian Antarctic Division had provided them with custom made clothing to block out the cold.

The students reported that the highlight of their trip was stepping off the plane to see the whiteness surrounding them. They also thoroughly enjoyed a snow fight with station staff before boarding the plane for the return journey.

While in Hobart the students were special guests at the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), The Tasmania Museum and Art Galleries, Mawson's Hut Replicas and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies. They were spoilt by the time and attention of some of the foremost experts in Antarctic science and history.

Everywhere they went our students were complimented on their bright minds and outstanding behaviour.

Mrs DiGiuseppe and Mrs Chatfield would like to thank the students for representing our school so well and the entire SHPS community for showing their support in the lead up to the expedition.

Before, during and after their trip, the students attracted a lot of media attention and were interviewed for magazines, papers, television and live on radio. Interest in the students and their trip to Antarctica continue with some of the girls being invited to Edith Cowan University's International Women's Day to speak!

