



WET AND WILD: We didn't mind the water at the Mungalli Falls camp.

Camp was our big chance to commune with nature

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CAMP! Probably the most popular topic of conversation throughout the St Monica's College Grade 9s in the last six weeks. The anticipation to the big three days was intense. It would be hard to find a single soul who attended the St Monica's College Year 9 camp at Mungalli Falls that didn't agree to it being the highlight of the 2014 school calendar.

The camp was to begin last Wednesday, March 5 and end Friday, March 7. Year 9s arrived at school, brimming with excitement as the bus arrived to cart all 120 students and staff members to Mungalli Falls.

Upon arrival, we were given a short briefing from the accommodating and enthusiastic staff members at Mungalli, sorted into activity groups and then shown to our cabins. We then got stuck into activities which consisted of low ropes, the obstacle course, land slide, team raft building, a go on the flying fox and the Mamu bushwalk. Nighttime activities were the bush dance, and a school run activity called Fractured Tales, where we were split into groups, given a

fairy tale and we had to twist it and create a drama performance in front of the rest of the year level while incorporating five random props allocated to us by the teachers.

It would be absolutely impossible to decipher what the best activity was - after surveying many members of Year 9 and asking their favourite activity of the camp, there was a very wide range of responses. The landslide was very popular as well as the obstacle course and flying fox.

Although it rained for a good part of our stay at Mungalli, it flat out did not dampen the mood of this

camp. All the rain did was make the muddy activities muddier and 10 times more fun, and sharing stories late at night in the cabin all the more cosy. One of the great things about camp was by far the food. The kitchen staff went to a great effort to make enough delicious, healthy food for everyone attending.

With all the pressure of upcoming exams and assignments, the Year 9 Mungalli camp was a great opportunity to kick back and relax, and to spend time without the pressures of school or technology, to bond with your friends and spend some time among nature.



ALL ABOARD: Team building was one of the camp themes.