Year 11 IB Biology Trip to Melbourne

A 5 am start on a Sunday is a tough ask for any teenager, but it’s not every day that you are offered the opportunity to travel interstate to work with PhD students.

After our arrival in Melbourne, 26 IB Biology students headed to the Melbourne Aquarium, where we learnt about the ecology of different sea animals. In the afternoon we were able to explore the city—some went to see a performance of Love Never Dies, others to an AFL game, but most chose to make the most of Melbourne’s Bourke Street Mall for a few hours of shopping. Monday morning saw another early start and a relaxing walk to the Gene Technology Access Centre, where we spent the day in small groups genetically modifying bacteria, eventually causing them to glow fluoro under UV light! It was an amazing experience to put in to practice so much of the knowledge we had gained in our Biology lessons. A huge thankyou goes to Ms Rutherford and Mr Wells for organising and chaperoning the 2-day trip.

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