Year 9 Geography Coastal Fieldwork Excursion

On Friday 16 March the entire Year 9 cohort boarded buses to take part in the annual Year 9 Geography Coastal Fieldwork Excursion. A brief but intense shower greeted the groups on their arrival at Port Noarlunga, but soggy booklets and clothes proved only a minor obstacle to these intrepid young geographers.

In a slight change of format from previous years, the students were challenged with a question regarding the construction of a marina at the mouth of the Onkaparinga River. Their task was to collect evidence both for and against this development. The group applied themselves to a range of fieldwork skills including field sketching, land-use mapping, measuring biodiversity on sand dunes and testing the speed and direction of longshore drift.

The day was a great success and gave the students a chance to apply theory learnt in the classroom to real life situations through an inquiry-based project. Follow-up work was based around students using their evidence and other sources of information to present either for or against the proposed marina development. I would like to thank both the staff who took part in the excursion and those who covered absent staff back at Pembroke.

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