

On the morning of the 21 September Madison Crellin, Tess Kennedy, Julia Churack, Sophie Carrigg, Mrs Devenish and I set off on our long journey to the Presentation Schools' Conference 2014 at St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, Queensland, on the Tropic of Capricorn. After settling in, we went to sleep eagerly awaiting the days of the conference to follow. On the windy Sunday morning we walked along the beach and took in the sights of Yeppoon.

After registering and receiving our "Conference Goodie Bag", we attended the Opening Ceremony. The theme of the conference was "Walking as One". Each school made a presentation on what it means to 'Walk as One' with Nano Nagle in their community. It was very interesting to see how each school contributed to the community and to learn of how we could do more.

On Day Two of the Conference motivational speaker, Az Hamilton, joined us. Az related his life experiences and outlined the qualities of Nano Nagle that helped him and showed how in turn she could help us. We learnt more and more about her story and the way in which we can live her story out today. After this we set off to be part of the 'Tag Your It' Project. This is a timely act of generosity program for teens, where we show a spontaneous act of generosity to another person, who we hope will, in turn, pass on the favour to others. We set off to the streets of Yeppoon to make someone's day. The Iona girls' came up with the idea of buying Pineapples and give them away to people they met at the shops. We also stopped to help the owner of a Café by bringing in dishes.

Upon returning to St Ursula's College, we reflected on our day by lighting candles, which symbolised a quality we need to ignite in ourselves through God's help. The day with Az was a very inspiring for everyone. We returned that night to have a session with Sister Mary Franzman about the Icon of Nano Nagle. We split into groups to create our own icon, which captured our view of Nano through symbolism and created a story about our school's heritage. That night we participated in an extremely entertaining talent quest and a quiz night hosted by the Principals.

We woke the next day feeling sad about leaving the Conference. We presented the story of Iona Presentation College to the other schools and then prepared for the closing ceremony. We experienced a traditional Aboriginal blessing and gave a token of memory from our trip and said good-bye. The trip broadened our knowledge on the life of Nano Nagle and the way in which we can live out her legacy today. We were guided on our way by inspiring people. We will never forget the 2014 Presentation Schools Conference; we have all learnt so much. We would like to thank Mrs Pitos for selecting us to represent the school and Mrs Devenish for travelling with us.

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