

Ethan Milne - Students Assisted in Understanding Culture

Year 11 students from St Edwards College are assisting Year 5 Aboriginal students from Gosford East Public by assisting them with activities to understand their heritage.

Ethan Milne, a year 11 student from St Edwards College, is assisting Gosford East Public School Aboriginal Consultant Laura Stanley in helping Aboriginal students learn more and understand their culture more through different programs created by Mrs Stanley.



Dynamic Duo Ethan (Left) and his Max Potential Coach Doug (Right) have worked hard to get this project up and running

Ethan was able to come up with the idea to assist Aboriginal students at the public school through the Max Potential program, which is run by Gosford RSL and an immersion he participated through St Edwards to the town of Goodooga, which is five hours north of Dubbo.

“The trip to Goodooga was a real eye opener to the real inequality between the culture they have at Goodooga compared to the lifestyle on the Central Coast. The people of Goodooga have to travel an hour to

Lightning Ridge to get their groceries. They can't just travel two minutes down the road to grab milk or bread, they need to make sure that there is enough groceries to last them until the next trip or they do without.” explains Ethan Milne about his trip to Goodooga. “However, I was able to learn many different Aboriginal traditions and I am hoping to convey some of the activities that I have learnt in Goodooga to the students at Gosford East Public School”.

“It is fantastic to see that the youth of the Central Coast are willing to assist the local community of the Central Coast. I was amazed when Ethan came into the school and asked if he could assist the Aboriginal students of the school. It was an advantage that Ethan had worked with the student he is working with before and this will make this opportunity better for both students involved” explains Mrs Stanley

The showcase for the Max Potential students of the Central Coast is on at the Gosford RSL auditorium on the 5th of August between 3.30pm and 5pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen Horne on 4323 2311.