Report on the Year 7, 8 & 9 School Trip to Geita

The Year 7, 8, & 9 school trip to Geita in May was an educational and adventurous experience, where our students demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and resilience throughout.

Evening Hike Up Katoma Hill



After arriving at Katoma Hill Hotel, setting up our campsite, and having a delicious lunch, our adventure began with a challenging 9km hike up Katoma Hill. This hike tested the endurance and determination of our students, involving 350m of vertical ascent (more than the height of the Eiffel Tower in Paris). Despite the difficulty, every student successfully completed the hike. It was heart-warming to see their perseverance and the sense of accomplishment on their tired faces. Many had never attempted such a physical feat and their increased self-confidence was evident.

There were some incredible moments of thoughtfulness and camaraderie, with students sharing water, hats, making improvised walking sticks for each other, as well as encouraging and assisting those in need of a bit of extra help. Many of the children even expressed a desire to take on the hike again the next day, showcasing their adventurous spirit and eagerness for physical challenges!

Visit to Buckreef Gold Mine



After conquering Katoma Hill and a long and well deserved sleep, we visited the Buckreef Gold Mine, near Katoro. Here, the students had the opportunity to learn about the processes involved in gold mining and extraction. The visit provided valuable insights into the mining industry and the various stages of gold production. The students were particularly fascinated by the machinery and techniques used in gold extraction, and they asked numerous insightful questions. Many thanks to Mr Isaac and all the Buckreef team for facilitating this excellent visit.

Evening Meal Planning and Cooking



The day continued with a practical activity where the students planned and cooked their own evening meals. This exercise was not only fun but also educational, as it required them to think critically about meal planning and nutrition. The students worked in groups, displaying excellent teamwork and collaboration skills. They took pride in preparing their meals and enjoyed sharing them with their peers. The teams produced a great variety of meals of a surprisingly high quality and they all went to bed with full stomachs.

Skills Developed

Throughout the trip, our students were challenged with various tasks, such as building bridges or towers to support eggs. They worked well in their mixed year and gender groups, enhancing their team-building and collaboration skills. They learned the importance of supporting each other, communicating effectively, and working towards common goals. These experiences are invaluable in their personal development and will serve them well in future endeavours.





Relaxing Afternoon at Rocky Bay Resort

On our way back home, we stopped at Rocky Bay Resort for a relaxing afternoon. They enjoyed the serene environment, swam, played football and frisbee. The resort provided a perfect setting for the students to unwind and reflect on the activities of the previous days.



A Thoroughly Enjoyable Trip

Overall, the trip to the Geita Gold Mine was a tremendous success. Our students not only faced and overcame physical challenges but also gained significant knowledge about gold mining. They demonstrated commendable teamwork and collaboration, which were integral to the trip's success.

We are proud of their achievements, as should they all be themselves, and hope that this trip will be a memorable and educational experience for them.

















