

# Social connections formed at the GT Online Camp

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**Sixty-one GT Online students, from as far afield as Christmas Island, Karratha, Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Denmark, attended a five-day camp at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre in May. The students enjoyed a jam-packed program of activities to enhance their learning and build social connections, promoting positive interactions between like-minded peers and teachers.**

Students participated in a variety of subject extension workshops including a laboratory session using the latest technology in DNA Biobarcoding, STEM Outreach sessions conducted by Curtin University and visits to the Holocaust Institute and the Boola Bardip Museum.

A day at Perth Modern School provided an opportunity for small workshops in each learning area with the students' specialist teachers. It was a great opportunity to get into the science laboratories and put theory into practice and receive hands-on guidance on the use of graphing calculators. The students were warmly welcomed and enjoyed the opportunity to see Perth Modern School first-hand. Several GT Online students have continued their Years 11 and 12 education at Perth Modern School, boarding at the City Beach Residential College.

A consultation session with the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations, Lucy Stronach, provided an opportunity for the regional students to share their views and answers to the question, 'What would Australia look like if young people were the key drivers of decision making?' Dr Jane Genovese of Learning Fundamentals presented a lively session on Habits of Happiness and a quiz night and bush dance gave students and teachers plenty of opportunity to have fun together and build the social connection that helps to make GT Online a close and supportive community.

The GT Online camp brought together students from far afield to enhance their learning and meet other like-minded peers.



Year 8 Mathematics.



Year 9 Science.

Year 7 students learning Science with Dr Sonja Bouwer.



Graphing calculator lesson with Mr Craig Gannon.



Kesia and Vinuji enjoying one of the camp activities.