



SHARED LEARNING

Our Year 7 students wasted no time in tackling their new challenges for 2016, heading off to Magdalene Catholic High School on day one of the school year. Students engaged with orientation and peer support activities for their Shared Learning program, with the support of Mater Dei and Magdalene staff along with Year 10 peer support leaders.

Shayley and Sylvia, usually quite shy young ladies, were made to feel extremely comfortable and welcome by their peers and leaders from Magdalene, showing enough confidence to participate fully in the ball games!

Sarah, Maya and Jake were particularly amazed at the size of the school grounds, and commented how glad they were to have been given a map. Patrick and Noah reported that they were happy to see a few familiar faces from their Shared Learning at St Clare's last year.

As far as first days go, this was an excellent one! Students returned to Mater Dei buzzing, excited, full of stories and asking when they could go again. This great start led to a smooth beginning the following Tuesday for Sport, and every week since. We are optimistic about the opportunities this new venture will provide for our students, and look forward to seeing it evolve beyond Sport for some students, and to growth in their learning as a result.