There were amazing stories, inspirational people and songs that would have given you goose bumps. On Monday the 17th of June, 2013, 22 Cleveland District State High School students from Year 7 attended the Year 7 Leadership day at Bulimba State School. The day was one we will never forget and will reflect back on throughout our lives.

Students were encouraged to achieve their goals, believe in themselves and be caring, no matter their race. We were taught what it means to be a leader and how to show this in many ways. “Leadership is about the head, heart and hands. Head is all your ideas, heart are your emotions and hands is how you give everything to help out” one student stated.

One of the speakers of the day impressed to all students to “Don’t give up on your dreams”. It does not matter what your title is, it does not matter about your background, you need to stop fooling around and start learning because if one person can make a difference, you can too! This was the main point of the leadership day. This was told by amazing people with astonishing stories. The stories were not only told through talking but songs that gave you goose bumps. You would not believe the stories we heard, but they came true through hard work, courage and leadership. “In order to be a leader you need to come up with your own meaning of being a leader and strive to make that happen” stated one of the speakers.

Leadership day gave the students tools to use to achieve their goals. We were taught that in order to reach your dreams you need to take one little step at a time. We learnt that each person’s interpretation of leadership can be different and that we can do anything if we work hard and learn hard.

Leadership day was a great success and we will definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to learn about the importance of being a leader. Even though we sat there and listened, we were inspired and always on our toes with the speakers journeys. Throughout the day we were taught to get involved, do not give up and have the courage to care. You can be a leader, you just need to try.

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