

The Long Walk

FIRE CARRIERS - Stephanie, Scarlett, Tanya, Sophia, Clara and Harminder



The Long Walk first started when the former Essendon player Michael Long decided to walk from Melbourne to Canberra. That's more than 650 kilometers away! He did this because of the racism he and other indigenous peoples were experiencing and he wanted to take a stand against it and talk to Prime Minister John Howard about putting the issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders back on the national agenda. Along his journey, others rallied with him to express their commitment to reconciliation and a united Australia.

To honour the significance of his journey, the Grade 6's and the FIRE Carriers participated in the Long Walk on the 7th of June, in partnership with St Damian's and Loyola College. Although our walk won't be as long.

This event has allowed students, teachers, and community members to grow in knowledge and understanding as they learn about significant historical events that have shaped this country, prominent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that took a stand, and the current injustices that our First Nations people are facing.

