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LOCAL STUDENTS BLAST OFF TO SPACE ACADEMY!

Students from local high school Wiley Park Girls High will be the first young Australian students to experience a unique educational experience at internationally renowned Space Camp Turkey.

Thanks to the Global Friendship Through Space Education Fund, 12 scholarships were given to Wiley Park Girls High School to attend Space Camp Turkey in Izmir.

“I truly believe this will be a life changing experience – a springboard into a bright future,” says Jackie Slaviero, who secured the scholarships.

Located in the Aegean Free Zone, Izmir, Space Camp Turkey is the only such facility of its kind in the region and represents a wonderful and opportunity for students from all over the world to not just experience the thrill and excitement space science can offer but also the chance to interact and learn from different cultures and identities represented by the attendees. Students will also have the opportunity to explore ancient history through Ephesus and Troy as well as modern Australian history through a visit to Gallipoli.

“Where else can students gain a hands-on personal experience with the science and technology of tomorrow whilst at the same time experience the wonders of the ancient world?” declared Murray Henstock, one of the organising teachers.

“If I had the chance to go to Turkey, I would feel that this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit all the places that have a story to tell,” stated Shannon-Paige, one of the students selected to go.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what they saw and trying to understand what they felt. I want to know what's going on in their minds," Iman said of her impending visit to Gallipoli.

In the lead-up to the departure in late June the students and their teachers will be heavily fund raising to assist with the costs associated with such a grand and wonderful educational experience and are seeking community support to help them achieve their goal.

About Wiley Park Girls High

Wiley Park Girls' High School is a multicultural secondary school located in Sydney’s south west. Here the entire staff are committed to providing quality teaching and learning in a caring, supportive and co-operative environment. The highly professional, skilled and staff at Wiley Park Girls High School provide quality education which aims to develop individual talents in a richly diverse community. It is this diversity that strengthens learning.


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