



INSPIRING: Cody Gould is heading overseas to teach English in a Third World country.

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Cody to tour Third World

Year 12 student wins \$2500 RSL prize to teach English overseas

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SOME teenagers choose to spend their holidays hanging with friends or curled up in front of the television, but for Cody Gould, flitting overseas to teach English in a third-world country seems a much better option.

Year 12 School of Total Education student Cody, was delighted to have received a \$2500 RSL grant through the Youth Development Program.

The grant was awarded to 20 successful recipients across

Queensland who showed initiative in applying for a grant to fund a self-motivated project to better the community

"We had to write an essay on what the RSL does in the community and include what project we would like to do," Cody said.

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"I have chosen to go to a Third World country and do volunteer work teaching English."

Cody is still in the research phase of his project, but is hoping to visit Thailand or Vietnam in December and spend three weeks working with the locals.

He was thrilled with his success and said he couldn't wait to get out and start his project.

"It was definitely a good letter to see, I had to read it twice to make sure it said 'yes you did receive the grant'," Cody said.

"I simply (chose to apply for the grant) because of the great oppor-

tunity to experience something out of the box and to go overseas.

"I've never been overseas and to be able to help people makes it even better," he said.

SOTE principal Shane Power said he was proud of his senior student's efforts.

"I'm really pleased for Cody that he's had this idea and followed through with it and for trying to make a contribution to society," Mr Power said.

"He did it all off his own back."

Cody hopes to head off to university next year and study occupational therapy or radiology.

Pets part of Prep class

FROM a list of names including Tinkerbelle, La-La, Rosie, Sprinkles and several of their own, St Mary's College's Prep Class W unanimously voted to name their new class mate George.

George, the brightly coloured yellow and blue budgie, was welcomed by 25 pairs of prying eyes, excited hands and curious minds.

Teacher Fiona White said all the Prep classes get a pet budgie as part of the curriculum.

"As part of their science studies they are learning about living things and how to care about our environment," she said.

"We are hoping that the budgie will also teach them about caring, loving, sharing and responsibility."

George will be cared for on a weekend-only roster and will be rotated through the students homes ensuring they all get the chance to take care of him.

A quick crash-course in budgie care ensured the class knew that George would need to be provided with fresh food and water as well as keeping his cage clean.

It also allowed the class to express concerns about their pet cats and younger siblings and ask if they were allowed to show George to their friends and cousins.

The class agreed that they should not take George out of his cage in case he flies away or feed him human food in case it makes him sick.



BY GEORGE: St Mary's Prep welcomes George the budgie.

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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



GLORY DAYS: Age champion winners at Assumption College carnival.

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FINE EFFORT: The age champion runners-up at the Assumption College interhouse swimming carnival at WIRAC last Thursday.

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