

# Students tell their Stories on Film

- *Catholic Communications Solomons*

The fifth Media Seminar Programme was held on 18-20 September at Don Bosco, West Kola Ridge.

The students participating in the year long programme come from five schools: St. Nicholas, Honiara, St John's, Rove Bishop Epalle, Rove, Don Bosco, Henderson and St Joseph's, Tenaru. Unfortunately St. Joseph's was not represented due to the holiday break.



“Our programme continues to showcase the abilities of high achieving students, providing them with the opportunity to extend their knowledge and experience, whilst developing their skills in media and communications” Fr Ambrose Pereira sdb, from Don Bosco and Catholic Communications, said.

The focus of the fifth and final programme, for the year, gave the students the opportunity to create issue based stories through the use of the visual medium.

The creative part of the programme commenced on the Saturday morning with a lively warm up and improvisation session lead by Jordana Langaridge. This session got both students and teachers focused and energetic, ready to commence the creation of their issue based stories.

The creative stories session was led by Elmarie Pareezer. After a series of storytelling games, the students were provided with a guideline as to how to develop their stories.

The group was split into two and were assisted through the process of theme selection, character identification, script structure and dialogue development through the use of improvisation techniques.

The students continued on this journey during the afternoon and were also made aware of the differences required when performing for a camera, as opposed to the stage, and the techniques essential to do so.



“The students worked successfully as team. All equally contributed to the development process and direction of their stories in the lead up to filming”, Elmarie Pareezer said.

Due to the rain late on the Saturday afternoon, commencement of shooting was delayed until the final session on Sunday morning, under the direction and camera work of Desmond Rave.

The students and teachers will meet for the final time on Saturday 3 October, to view their edited films and to evaluate the year long programme.

The programme has been successfully running for the last 5 and is organised by Catholic Communications and the Salesians of Don Bosco.

A new group of students will commence the programme in the new academic year.