World Youth Day highlights

A different experience

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Enjoying the many testimonies of faith

AIDAN Delaney from Mary MacKillop College, Leongatha, found she liked many different things over the World Youth Day week.

The best thing about the lead-up to the Vigil was the absolutely Fab Rapping Priest Fr Stan. I really enjoyed the Stations of the Cross. The biggest challenge so far has been being tolerant of others and learning to accept others’ differences when we all have to live close together. I've been surprised by the huge amount of people. It has been a very unique journey unlike anything else I've experienced. I think it will create a stronger belief and acceptance of God in me.

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AIDAN Delaney and Sarah Damon from Mary MacKillop College, Leongatha, enjoying the great atmosphere at World Youth Day.