



Taya - Speaking to local schools about environmental care

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I've been doing environmental awareness for my projects and going around to all the schools and doing a speech and telling them why they should care for the environment. I chose this because once I came here I realized how many people don't know about what's actually happening and why they should care for the environment.

In my speech I talk about awareness of global warming, recycling, pollution and all the different things that you can do to help and why we should help. I'm going to two of our local schools - Lutheran and Ramco - so I'm going there tomorrow to do my speeches with either Years 3-7 or R-7.

How did you start your project?

First I had to call the schools to see what days would suit them. Then I wrote my speech and then I got people to help me with it and now we're going there as well. So there's my friends Trista, Cam and Reuben, they're all coming with me tomorrow so they're helping me out with it. They're all in my youth environment team at school. Lauren and Laredo - they have been a big help and a friend Gus and my science teacher Mrs Winter. She's been a good help with it as well, getting it organized for me and helping out with all the things I didn't know.

What is your advice to other students?

If you can't get the teachers to accept you to go to their school, try somewhere else and if you can't go there, just keep trying. If you can't get to other places, try your own school first and then once they know that you can do it then it might spread to other schools.

What is your biggest success so far?

I think when the teachers said that I could go to their schools and present because I thought that because they were so busy they might turn me down. It was good that they accepted.

What did you enjoy most?

Getting it all together and knowing that I will actually be able to do it and the end result which is tomorrow, which will be great.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Taya's words and opinions.