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**CRAIGIEBURN**



Daniel and William Clarke at Our Lady's Primary School.

## Orang-utan talk inspires students

A SPECIAL visit has inspired Craigieburn youths to branch out and help save the world's remaining orang-utans.

Sydney brothers Daniel Clarke, 17, and William Clarke, 15, have become renowned for their passion to both save the animals from extinction and motivate kids to make a difference in their own communities.

Daniel, who has cerebral palsy, used his Starlight Foundation wish to save the Borneo orang-utans, with the pair raising more than \$705,000 so far.

They visited Our Lady's Primary School in Craigieburn recently, presenting a number of sessions for the students and class leaders.

Religious education leader Mary McCormick said the students were captivated learning about the boys' passion and motivation.

"Our focus was on ... orang-utans and saving (them), but it was more on the fact that kids could make a difference," she said.

"Their job is to go back to their classrooms and to keep the discussion going."

Ms McCormick said the boys had struck a chord with the students, some of whom had already donated money to adopt an orang-utan and sorted out unused clothes to give away.

Daniel said the presentation had resulted in a lot of positive feedback from the students.

"We went down for the whole day and it was quite different to what we're used to, but we completely loved it," Daniel said.

"For me, it was the best school talk that I have done."

His younger brother said it was amazing to see kids understanding the message, and was grateful that the school had welcomed them.

"We're doing what we want to do and what we love doing," William said.

"We knew we'd get to this stage; we just didn't know that we'd get to this stage so quickly."

William said the pair hoped for another opportunity to visit schools across Melbourne.

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