"There’s writing magic in the room!"

… usually when I start to demotivate I just give up and go and do something else …
it was amazing to have the opportunity to get away from it all … I could focus knowing that I didn’t need to think about other things that would normally distract me.

I think just the concept, as an interstate student, the approaching camp dates, motivated me to get to a certain section of my thesis, so I could only take the material required

The support of the staff – it just feels good having people there investing time in my thesis

Talking to different people very uplifting and helped me put my seemingly isolated struggles into perspective

When I write alone I take long breaks …at boot camp I could not escape for more than 10 minutes cause I felt bad not to work hard when everyone else was …

I got so much done that I couldn’t believe myself …
Food just magically appeared and I could focus knowing that I didn't need to think about other things that would normally distract me (like preparing dinner)

It was great to always have a cup of tea ready.

The chairs were very uncomfortable. Power boards on the table would have provided more flexibility.

I found that I wrote very efficiently over the three days. I think this was related to the environment created. Everyone was there to work quietly and efficiently.

Boot camp created the perfect writing environment for thesis writing, being surrounded with many other students who were in the same boat as me … made me really focused on my writing.
While most people were very friendly during lunch/dinner breaks, some sort of ice-breaker or dedicated networking/group support sessions would have helped people to be a bit more interactive.

I wish that it was longer! Bootcamp has got to be the best experience from GRS. I walked away with motivation and feeling socially supported.