

Program Outline

Hunter Valley Grammar School
Barrington Tops Hiking Outdoor Education Program
6-9 April 2020

		Group One	Group Two
Day One	AM	Traveling from school to BOAC	
	PM	Hiking <i>Polblue to Little Murray</i>	
Day Two	AM	Hiking	
	PM	<i>Little Murray to Wombat Creek</i>	
Day Three	AM	Hiking	
	PM	<i>Wombat Creek to Munro Hut</i>	
Day Four	AM	Hiking <i>Munroe Hut to Gloucester Falls</i>	
	PM	Traveling BOAC to school	



Program Rationale

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Hiking – Barrington Tops

Students will spend 4 days hiking in the Barrington Tops National Park. Students will walk through World Heritage Listed Wilderness Area, ancient forests and past spectacular waterfalls. This camp will focus on appreciation of the natural environment, expedition skills and self-sufficiency.

Educational Theme

The program revolves around community living. BOE guides, along with teachers, are included in the group as active members of the small community and participate in all aspects of the program. The challenging and adventurous nature of hiking provides an experiential learning environment for the students, fostering the development of new skills, while reinforcing their own self-concept within the group.

Curriculum/ Program Objective:

These programs aim to:

- Promote increased self-esteem and confidence by providing an opportunity for physical and mental challenge.
- Develop and reinforce personal responsibility, group dynamics and community living skills.
- Teach and develop:
 - Basic hiking and navigation skills and safety techniques
 - Camp craft skills
 - Safe practices and habits in the outdoor environment
 - Group dynamics and problem solving skills in challenging situations
 - Community living and cooking skills
 - New recreational interests, skills and friendships
- Instil and encourage environmental awareness and sound environmental practices in the outdoors through an Australian Wilderness