

# MEN N MINORS 2026



**Camp Information and FAQs**

15-17 May 2026

# CAMP PURPOSE

Recognising the importance of father-child bonds, "Men n Minors" was intentionally created to provide dads and male caregivers with dedicated opportunities to **establish, develop and reinforce relationships** with their children. Spending dedicated, quality time together allows men to actively engage in their children's lives, fostering trust, security, and a strong sense of connection. These shared moments, whether through play, conversation, or simply being present, create lasting memories and contribute significantly to a child's confidence, resilience, and overall positive growth. Nurturing this bond benefits not only the child but also enriches the father's life, creating a fulfilling and meaningful relationship. "Going Bush" also offers men a valuable avenue to build supportive relationships with other fathers and enjoy shared experiences. Men can often struggle with initiating and developing quality relationships with each other, so the relaxed camp setting provides the ideal, low fuss opportunity to meet. Now into its 12th iteration at Good Shepherd, Men n Minors has proven to be a hit, with the camp regularly featuring as a top highlight from past graduates when reflecting on their school experience!

***"A father doesn't tell you how to live; he lives, and lets you watch him do it."***

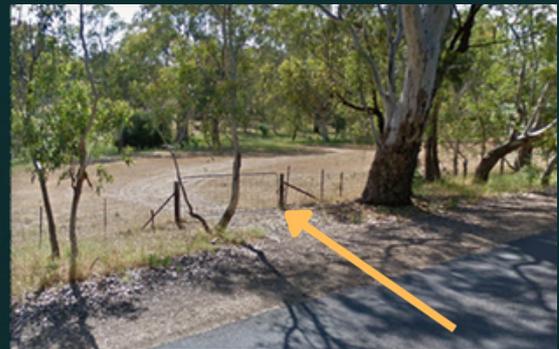
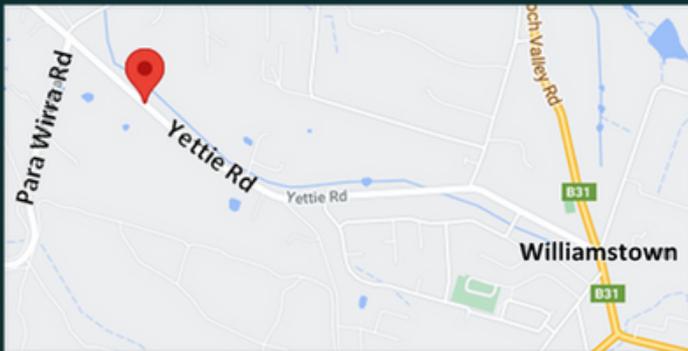


# CAMP DETAILS

## When

Friday, May 15th from 4pm, until Sunday May 17th. You are welcome to attend for the whole weekend, just one night, or even just come up for the Saturday activities. Please just indicate your intended stay period when you register.

## Location



## 184 Yettie Rd, Williamstown

As in previous years, we will be holding the event at a property in Williamstown, just 45 minutes from Adelaide. The site is very picturesque with natural scrub and plenty of opportunities for an assortment of activities, including enjoying the communal campfire. Hills and broken scrubland surrounds the site, with a significant flat area for setting up camp! The location will be well signposted from both ends of Yettie Rd, and is easily accessed by two-wheel-drive vehicles. Come in through the gate shown above and follow the short track across the creek.

## Travel

Under your own steam, or negotiate a ride with other participants. The site is easily accessed by two wheel drive vehicles if weather conditions are not extreme.

## Facilities

Toilet facilities will be provided, and there is a communal fire for warmth and a social gathering point. There are plenty of grassy areas available for you to set up camp. There will also be a communal BBQ that may be used if needed, but bring your own utensils. No electricity or running water are available.

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## Who is welcome

All GSPV students from Foundation up to Year 6 are welcome to attend with their dad or significant male. Grandfathers are also very welcome to attend, and it can be a wonderful opportunity for some cross-generational bonding! Unfortunately, attendance is strictly limited to **current GSPV students**, so students of other schools, recent GSPV graduates, or students at Curiosity are not able to attend. We understand this may leave some disappointed, but we need to ensure the safety of all campers, and design the activities to be age appropriate.

## Cost

We don't want the camp price to limit anyone's ability to attend!

**\$65 per family - earlybird rate**, for payment received by midnight April 27th  
**\$85 per family - late registrations**, for payment received between April 28th and midnight May 8th

Please note that this is a flat fee per family, regardless of the number of family members, and regardless of how long you attend. This keeps registration process much simpler for the committee members.

## Registration and Payment



Registration and payment is all done through the **Qkr! app**. Please see the school newsletter for the registration link, or find it directly from the app. Please note that registration and payment must be completed prior to the cut-off date of May 8th. This allows the organisers a few days before camp to finalise numbers and all camp and activity preparation. Please respect this and get your registration in early.

**Registrations after May 8th cannot be accepted!**

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## What to expect

Below is just a rough guide of plans for the weekend, but subject to change. **Friday** Arrive from 4pm onwards. Set up camp and make yourself comfortable. You will be welcomed by someone from the organising committee on arrival (most likely with a large entourage of helpers!) Please **don't arrive earlier than 4pm** as the committee will be busy setting up for the weekend. Welcome around the bonfire, use the evening to do as you please.

### Saturday

10am - 12pm	Organised activities begin.
12pm - 1pm	Lunch break and group devotion.
1pm - 3pm	More activities.
Evening	Free time for play, dinner, enjoying the campfire etc.

### Sunday

8am	Breakfast (pancakes provided)
8:30am	Morning gathering and farewell
9am onwards	Pack and clean up, depart at your leisure by lunch time.

## Activities

The exact activities change from year to year, but you can expect to see at least some of the following activities. While every effort has been made to ensure the safety of all activities, dads will need to assist and closely supervise their children while participating. Please only use equipment or participate once you feel comfortable – if any issues or hesitation please just ask!

- Flying foxes
- Archery
- Go karts
- Damper making
- Fire lighting
- Mini golf
- “Surprise” large activity

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## What to Bring

### Food and Water

You will need to bring all your own food and water, along with any water you need for washing or cleaning. If you haven't been before, simple food is recommended (sandwiches, muesli bars, sausages on bread etc) - although feel free to cook up a storm if you like!

### Camping Gear

BYO everything needed for camping - self-sufficiency is the name of the game! Keep it simple with just a swag and metho stove or haul in a luxury caravan, the choice is yours! Just bear in mind that there will be some communal lighting but no electricity available, so you'll need to give some thought to lighting and cooking equipment. You'll also need to take all your rubbish home with you. If you're in need of any gear or are unsure about anything, please just indicate on the Qkr! registration form and we'll find a way to help out!

### Other Recommended Items

- Cooking equipment, including cutlery, crockery, etc
- Bags for rubbish – if you bring it in please take it away again (there will be tubs for collection of empty drink containers, with money going back into the MnM fund for next year)
- Battery powered torches/lanterns
- Personal first aid kit for your family
- Sunscreen/Hat
- Warm clothing, beanie etc
- Hand sanitiser

### Optional

- Glow sticks (no sparklers please)
- Sporting equipment, kites, balls etc
- Board games/quiet activities (particularly if rainy), no electronic games please!
- Campfire stories, songs, musical instruments
- Creative cooking on/in the campfire – damper, marshmallows etc

# CAMP SAFETY AND RULES

Whilst the camp is a relaxed weekend of fun, every effort is put into ensuring the safety of all campers. Clear camp rules, trained First Aider, First Aid kit, and carefully planned activities will cater safely for the age range of children in attendance. Below are a few important rules to be aware of to ensure the safety and inclusion of everyone:

- **Men are responsible** for their own minors at all times
  - A minor can only participate in activities if accompanied by their “MAN”.
  - Minors must not leave the designated camping area without being accompanied by their Man.
  - If a child is not confident in participating in any activity, then it is their dad’s/carers responsibility to exclude them from the event.
- **Shoes** must be worn at all times whilst on camp – no bare feet permitted. (Consider two pairs of shoes as previous experience shows that the camping ground will become damp.)
- **No smoking** within the confines of camping area or in view of children. Men n Minors is a smoke free event.
- **No electronic devices**, including iPads, MP3 players, or other electronic devices. Mobile phone use to be kept to a minimum.
- **No pets** allowed.
- Appropriate **language** at all times.
- **Alcohol** consumed responsibly by adults is permitted (but please no alcohol before the evening meal). Be aware that you must remain capable of driving in case of emergency.
- **Respect people and property**, with special focus on respecting the generosity of the land owner. Leave nothing but footprints! Bring rubbish bags to take home your waste.
- Be conscious of **noise levels** during the night – **no generators** running all night.

# FIRE RULES

Every camp features a large central campfire, which provides a wonderful focal point for people to gather around and enjoy. To keep everyone as safe as possible, there are a few important rules around fire safety:

- **Minors must not play in or with the fire.** As fun as it is waving burning sticks around, it becomes quite dangerous with so many children around. Please help by making your minor aware of this and monitoring them during camp.
- **No individual fires** allowed. The purpose of the camp is to foster a sense of community and inclusiveness, so we encourage everyone to come and sit around the main fire. The land owners have also requested just one single fire on the property.
- Fully contained **solid fuel cooking barbeques** and similar are permitted **for cooking purposes only** but must be extinguished once cooking is complete. Again, we encourage everyone to participate in the communal campfire experience, which is a key part of our camp's mission to build relationships and create shared moments together.