

## **Camp 1 Night 1 Update**

After arriving safely and eating their prepacked lunches, students were able to settle into their cabins before their first two rotations. The energy around the bushland was awesome and students showed great curiosity in the way they engaged with their activities. I was lucky enough to go to raft building with Group 3 for my first activity and they did a great job building the rafts, using teamwork whilst building and resilience when things weren't going exactly to plan.

After a warm shower for those who got wet this afternoon we sat down to dinner. Penne pasta with a choice of napoli, bolognese or carbonara sauce, garlic bread and all you can eat salad bar. Ice cream with topping for dessert. I heard several students commenting on the quality of the food.

At 7pm we set off for a night bush walk down to the campfire where students roasted marshmallows and sang songs that were cued up from PGL staff from students' requests. It was great to see the youth of today can still enjoy time without their devices and they all really enjoyed the activity. Finally, we are now watching half of a movie Mario Bros before students will have a short amount of time in their cabins before lights out. Stay tuned for updates throughout the week.

## **Camp 1 Morning Day 2**

After a pretty good night with most of the students showing care and compassion for each other and staff, by going to sleep when they were asked... what a cracker of a morning! Cold but the sun is out in patches and warming up quickly. Hash browns and baked beans on toast greeted the students as well as an assortment of cereals, fruits, muesli and yoghurt. Porridge was also available for those into their oats.

First rotations started shortly after, and I went with Groups 5 and 6 to canoeing. Both groups participated eagerly and again demonstrated the College values of respect whilst listening to PGL staff and teamwork by working together to get out the boats and navigate the lake. Only one group came to grief spilling into the water and making for a more difficult walk back to camp in wet clothes. All in all, a positive and fun start to the day. Stay tuned for another update later this evening.

## **Y8 Camp 1 Night 2**

Yes, it's the time you have all been waiting for...another camp update. Well, the fun never stops when you're in the middle of nowhere and surrounded by fun activities and dedicated PGL staff. Their only mission is to feed you and take you to do exciting activities. After canoeing in the morning my next activity, I got to accompany students on was the infamous Mud Run. Groups 7 and 8 embarked on a slog in the mud, not once but two times for some. I enjoyed accompanying the group on the second round, it takes a lot of resilience to complete.

Last activities for the day concluded and a tasty butter chicken and rice meal awaited to replace diminished carbohydrates, although at least one person didn't like what he saw. Apple crumble and custard for dessert.

After some free time, we met back for the first of our night activities 'Passport to the World.' This involved students working in teams to find flags of different countries using a map. Once found they needed to answer three questions, and the most correct answers won. Students are currently watching the rest of Mario Bros before heading back to their cabins to get ready for bed and pack their bags for tomorrow morning. I have been really impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm from many students and the feedback from staff has been amazing about their effort in all activities.

## **Camp 1 Morning Day 3**

Well, another beautiful morning, even nicer than yesterday. Not as sunny, however it is very still and not a breath of wind. You can see how still the water is over at Wilson's Prom. Perfect activity weather!

Both students and staff had good night's rest after a fun filled and energy-sapping day of activities and now everyone is packed and ready to go. Breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs, toast and the same variety of mueslis and cereals from the day before.

Straight from breakfast, the students went into their activities and with no water activities scheduled for this morning, they should all be dry and partially mud free for the trip home. Last night I forgot to mention in my update that we celebrated Hayden C's birthday with everyone singing him a happy birthday prior to night activities. At this stage with the weather being fine and all the programming on time, we will be aiming for a 1.00pm departure and a 3.30pm - 3.45pm arrival.

### **Year 8 Camp 2 - Day 1 Update**

After arriving safely and enjoying their pre-packed lunches, students settled into their cabins before the PGL staff gave them a guided tour. Students took in the fresh air and the amazing views of Wilson's Prom as they walked up and down the steep hills.

The Year 8s have participated with great enthusiasm in the activities so far. They worked together to build a raft and raced to complete the Mud Run as quickly as possible. There was plenty of laughter during the activities. Teachers also joined in the fun, taking part in the Mud Run and trying out the Giant Swing.

The rain began around 4 pm, which puts our campfire tonight in doubt. In the meantime, students are taking warm showers and preparing for dinner.

### **Year 8 Camp 2 - Day 2 Update**

To end Day 1 of Camp, the Year 8s took part in trivia hosted by Ms Downes. They teamed up to answer the questions as quickly as possible, and then brought their pillows along to watch Jumanji with their friends.

Day 2 of Camp is off to a great start, with students completing their first two activities of the day. Groups 5 and 6 encountered a little rain but it didn't deter them from canoeing. They collaborated to win the games, stay dry, and avoid capsizing. This was followed by the Sensory Trail where they wore special goggles that obstructed their vision. Clear communication was essential as they guided each other through the obstacle course. Despite a few bumps along the way, they all enjoyed the experience.

For lunch students had jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, including sour cream, bacon, and baked beans. The students are now engaged in their next two activities.

The weather is favourable tonight, so the Year 8s are excited for the campfire and s'mores they missed out on last night.

### **Year 8 Camp - Day 3 Update**

To wrap up Day 2 of Camp, the Year 8s enjoyed butter chicken with naan for dinner. This was followed by a serving of apple crumble with custard for dessert. Students then added more sugar to their evening by heading down to the campfire, where they eagerly prepared s'mores before settling in for the second half of Jumanji.

Despite a bit of rain, the students were enthusiastic about concluding their day with their scheduled activities. The weather did not deter either the students or the teachers from participating in the Giant Swing, Leap of Faith, and Team Challenge.

Following lunch, the group will board the buses for the long trip home. We are aiming for a 1:00pm departure and an arrival time between 3:30pm and 3:45pm. Please avoid arriving too early to prevent congestion in the pick-up zones on George Street.