YEAR 10 CAMP 2012
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Camp

Teachers attending:  Mrs Diana Patchett
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Dates:           Friday 24—Sunday 26 February 2012

Location:        Binna Burra and O'Reilly's
                 Lamington Ranges, Gold Coast hinterland

Emergency numbers:
During school hours:  3906 9443    MBBC Student Reception
After school hours:  0419 793 628    Deputy Head of College

Transport
Travelling by MBBC Bus
Departing MBBC at:  3.30 pm Friday 24 February
Arrive back at MBBC at:  5 pm Sunday 26 February

Timeline

| Permission form and medical form to be returned to teacher | 10 February |
| Ensure forms have been received by Form teacher (diary signed) | 10 February |
| Ensure items are purchased for camp - sleeping bag, suitable footwear |  |
Pack for camp (don’t forget sleeping items and warm clothing)

Departure for Camp (don’t be late) 3.30pm 24 February

Return from Camp 5.00pm 26 February

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OVERVIEW

Moreton Bay Boys’ College strives to be a leading school that offers its boys an innovative, broadly based educational experience. Our philosophy is built on the foundation of Christian values and aims to develop each boy’s individual abilities, equipping them with the skills necessary to be successful, productive and responsible members of society (MBBC Strategic Plan: 2007—2011).

The developmental program of outdoor education opportunities available to student at Moreton Bay Boys’ College supports the vision and aims of the College. Camp is a wonderful experience for all students and provides opportunities for personal growth and challenges as well as forging new friendships and creating great memories.

AIMS

The Year 10 camp to Binna Burra and O'Reilly’s offers an opportunity for the boys to practice the skills needed to undertake their Qualifying Journey for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

The boys will work in a small group to organise all aspects of the journey and then reflect critically on their experiences before undertaking the Woodford camp in second semester.

EXPECTATIONS

Students

At all times, students are expected to adhere to the College Code of Conduct. The College has high expectations of the conduct and behaviour of boys whilst on camp and representing the College. Students are expected to:

- Follow all directions and respect the position of teachers and supervisors in charge of the group.
- Act responsibly at all times whether with the entire group of separated from supervision.
- Follow all regulations and codes specified by the camp facilitators.
- Be respectful, courteous and just to others and to respect property.
- Communicate openly and seek to build and maintain positive relationships with peers, parents and staff.
- Make the most of the educational opportunities offered by the camp experience.

Parent Helpers
No Parent Helpers are required for the Year 10 Practice Camp.

ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON CAMP

The selection of activities varies depending on the size and goals of the group, the weather, availability of resources and duration of the program.

The accompanying staff members may adjust the activity or level of difficulty of a certain activity in order to more effectively meet the needs of the group.

Friday—travel to Binna Burra, camp set-up and meal preparation

Saturday—the students will select the bushwalk that they will undertake at Binna Burra

Sunday—pack up, travel to O'Reilly’s, group bushwalk and canopy walk, touch football game, return to College

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Duke of Edinburgh website offers a comprehensive list of risk assessment and safety guidelines. It is expected that staff will familiarise themselves with the relevant guidelines at http://www.dukeofed.com.au/home.html

Staff will brief the students on the following aspects when preparing students for the camp:

Appropriate footwear, Food and Hydration requirements, Camp craft, Sun safety, Safe bus travel

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST AND PACKING LIST

Please note items such as illegal drugs, alcohol, money, radios, mobile phones, aerosols, chewing gum, lollies and electronic games, iPods and MP3 players are NOT to be taken on camp.

Students will work with the Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator to develop a packing and equipment list in preparation for this camp.

MINIMUM IMPACT CAMPING

- Bushwalking is a wonderful opportunity and is one that should not impact on the wonders of nature at all. The bush or bay is there to be enjoyed to all so follow some simple steps to ensure that you leave nature as you found it and don’t impact on the environment.

- Be considerate. Other people visit parks.
• Use a fuel stove for cooking when open fires are prohibited.
• Where allowed light fires in built fireplaces only. Put the fire out when you leave your campsite and don’t collect firewood from the park.
• Do not use pollutants in lakes and streams. These include soap, washing up liquid, shower gel or shampoo etc. they harm wildlife and harms aquatic life.
• Animals and plants are protected. Do not disturb the wildlife and try not to damage plant life when walking or putting up your tent.
• Never take shortcuts through the bush. For your safety as well as that of the wildlife, plant life.
• Leave your campsite as you found it. Do not clear, dig trenches or cut trees for poles or firewood. Never dig up grass or plants to clear a tent site.
• Take your rubbish when you leave.
• Take the time to show your appreciation to those people that prepared the meal.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

• All plants and animals within the National Parks are protected.
• Wash your hands before handling food or cooking.
• Be considerate of others. Shower when possible and change clothes.
• Be respectful of shared space. People camping in public campgrounds or National Parks are paying patrons and are generally there to enjoy the tranquility of the outdoors.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is important that the boys consider the food preparation aspects of their group and ensure that adequate attention is paid to the safe preparation of food, safe storage of food and utensils and the hygienic management of food and utensils.
AT THE END OF CAMP

At Camp

Be responsible for your belongings. Any wet clothing should be packed into plastic bags.

Upon returning to MBBC

Take the time to personally thank the accompanying staff.

Encourage your son to reflect on his camp experience and share the positive experiences he had.
PACKING YOUR PACK
Here is some general information to use when packing a pack

- Don’t forget that if you are prepared to carry items they must be important and therefore it is essential that your pack is WATERPROOF!
- Waterproof your gear by the use of plastic bags, especially your sleeping bag and clothes
- Ensure that where possible your sleeping bag is at the bottom
- Put heavy objects close to your back. Good packs will have a waist strap which helps to transfer the weight of the pack onto your hips. The waist straps prevent your shoulders having to bear the weight alone. The shoulder straps should then only have to ensure that the pack stays close to your back.
- Put things that you will need during the day at the top of your pack.
- Avoid hanging any objects on the outside of your pack.
- Avoid carrying milk
- Don’t drag your pack along the ground or road and don’t leave buckles undone