



# Moreton Bay Boys' College

## Year 6 Camp Booklet 2017







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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 students 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.



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## YEAR 6 CAMP AIMS

The philosophy at Emu Gully is that your success in life, whether personally or corporately, will be based primarily on your character. That is; "The real you" and the way you handle the circumstances of life, whether they be good or bad.

The development of one's character is measured in the way we handle pressure and difficult circumstances. At Emu Gully, the camp facilitators choose to focus on the core character values displayed by the ANZACS in times of tremendous hardship on the world stage. The character values taught, promoted and reflected upon at Emu Gully include Courage, Mateship, Perseverance and Sacrifice.

The majority of the activities at Emu Gully are to provide a simple historical context of epic ANZAC events such as The Western Front, the Siege of Tobruk, The Tunnel Rats of Vietnam, The Bridge over the River Kwai and the Kokoda Track. Each activity participants with the choice to demonstrate and reflect on the character values needed to succeed in the activity, and more importantly in life.

It should be noted, that at Emu Gully we do not promote war. However, one cannot ignore the impact that war has had on the development of our nation. It has been stated that "nothing has shaped our culture more than war". [Banjo Patterson](#) put it this way;

*"The mettle that a race can show,  
Is proved with shot and steel,  
And now we know what nations know,  
And feel what nations feel".*

In recent times there has been a significant resurgence and interest in the ANZAC legend as demonstrated through swelling crowds at ANZAC day services, parades and national events both here and abroad. Through providing a "hands on" history lesson, Emu Gully fully utilises the ANZAC theme to impact the next generation with the facts of the past to ensure the success of the future.

## 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 or 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.**



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## ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON CAMP

Below is some of the possible activities that may be undertaken during the course of the 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 facilitators may adjust the activity or level of difficulty of a certain activity in order to more effectively meet the needs of the group.

### **Low ropes / Initiative and problem solving activities:**

- Chicken Leadership
- The Charge
- No Man's land
- Minefields
- Skippy
- Blanket Volleyball
- Welded ankle
- Floating hoop
- Swinging Log
- Escape from Colditz
- Commando cable crossing

### **Core ANZAC activities**

- Tunnel rats of Vietnam
- Bridge over the River Kwai
- Siege of Tobruk
- Western Front
- Kokoda Track
- Night Walk

### **Other challenging / elective activities**

- Truck Pull
- Rope run
- Skirmish
- Twisters
- Storm the fort
- Rock climbing
- Water activities



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## EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST AND PACKING LIST

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

**Items to be packed** (*it helps to tick as you pack*)

- 1 sleeping bag or 2 sheets and blanket \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 pillow and pillowcase and pyjamas \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 sets of clothes for outdoor activities (shorts/ T shirts) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 sets of very old clothes (*will* get wet and muddy) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 pair of old closed in shoes (*will* get wet and muddy) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 pair of sandshoes for outdoor activities \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 pair of shoes for evening activities \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 strong plastic bags (for storing wet or dirty clothes) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 set of clothes for evening program \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 jumper + 1 tracksuit pants \_\_\_\_\_
- Underwear and socks for 3 days \_\_\_\_\_
- Swimming togs \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 towels for shower and swimming \_\_\_\_\_
- Thongs for showers \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 soap & container and washer \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 comb/ brush / 1 toothpaste/ toothbrush \_\_\_\_\_
- Shampoo / Sunscreen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunscreen \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 hat with wide brim \_\_\_\_\_
- Drink bottle for water \_\_\_\_\_
- Tissues or handkerchief \_\_\_\_\_
- Insect repellent (no aerosols) \_\_\_\_\_
- Raincoat \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 pegs (to hang up wet clothes) \_\_\_\_\_
- Book to read and notebook and pencil \_\_\_\_\_



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*Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your son's name.*

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at the Helidon campus, Emu Gully is in dormitory style units.

The site has 170 bunk style beds over 7 dormitories. The size of the group accommodation depends on the group, with the largest dormitory sleeping 24.

## CATERING

Emu Gully offers a wide and comprehensive menu of three courses plus morning and afternoon tea as well as supper offered each day.

A copy of the three-day menu is available from the Emu gully website - [www.emugully.com.au](http://www.emugully.com.au).

Students who have specific dietary requirements can be catered for and should specify their requirements on the attached medical and permission form.

## TABLE MANNERS AND ETIQUETTE

- Wait until everyone is seated before you begin to eat.
- Place your napkin on your lap.
- Learn to use a knife and fork correctly.
- Chew with your mouth closed and keep your elbows off the table.
- Don't reach across other people or things. Ask someone to 'please pass' it to you.
- If you don't like what is being served, simply say 'No thank you', but remember that Camp is an opportunity to try new things, and a small serving of new foods is encouraged.
- When you have finished eating, place your utensils on your plate and napkin beside your plate.
- Ask to be excused before you leave the table.
- 'Seconds' may be offered, but you will need to be patient and ensure that everyone has enjoyed their meal, then wait to be invited for a second serving.
- Help in clearing the table.
- Learn to make pleasant table conversation.
- Take the time to show your appreciation to those people who prepared the meal.
- If you have time, always offer to help with the washing up!



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## AT THE END OF CAMP

### *At Camp*

Be responsible for your belongings.

Any wet clothing should be packed into plastic bags.

Help in cleaning the accommodation and account for any lost property.

Assist others where you can to ensure a prompt departure

Thank the camp facilitators with a personal comment as to your positive experiences while on camp.

### *Upon returning to MBBC*

Take the time to personally thank the accompanying staff.

Ensure you (or your parents) collect any medication from staff prior to leaving College.

Encourage your son to reflect on his camp experience and share the positive experiences he had.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Operating procedures and Risk Management assessments for activities to be undertaken while on camp can be found at <http://www.emugully.com.au/>

The teachers will brief the students on the risks involved (e.g. sun safety, safe bus travel, activities) in preparation for the camp, however parents are advised to appraise themselves of the comprehensive documents available through the Emu Gully website.