

Camps and Tours

2021



Year 7 Camp

Waratah Beach Camp

The Year 7 camp is a three-day orientation camp on the scenic Gippsland coast. Scheduled early in Term 1, the camp aims to help students get to know each other as well as their teachers and is a memorable way to begin their secondary school years. Here they will make new friends, challenge themselves and experience a variety of exciting outdoor educational activities like surfing, swimming, beach hiking, rock climbing, and a ropes course.

Year 8 Camp

Lake Dewar Camp

Year 8 camp has been a highlight of the school year for a number of years. As well as being a break from the school routine, the camp provides a vehicle for students to learn in ways not provided in the classroom setting.

The camp is a three-day camp where students learn the benefits of cooperation and teamwork in a fun and challenging way. The camp also helps to develop good social skills and enriches the friendships students have already made at school. The shared experience of the camp activities also helps to develop mutual respect between students and their classroom teachers. The Lake Dewar Camp is situated in the hills out past Bacchus Marsh with outdoor activities including flying fox, mountain biking, gorge trek, raft building, and adventure tunnelling.

Year 9 Duke Of Edinburgh Camp

Wilsons Promontory Camp or Mitchell River

In order to complete the requirements for the 'Adventurous Journey' section of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, your child has the opportunity to attend a hiking based program through the Wilsons Promontory National Park or Mitchell River. This camp is only available to those students who are enrolled in the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh elective and are actively completing the award. Students will participate in a range of outdoor living and hiking activities throughout the camp which is run by highly trained staff from Halls Outdoor Education, assisted by three Blackburn High School teachers.

Year 10/11 Camp

Central Australia Camp

This very popular camp, known as 'Splendours of the Outback' is run bi-annually. Offered to our Year 10 and Year 11 students, it is a once-in-a-lifetime 10 day tour to Alice Springs and Darwin, normally run in September just prior to the school holidays. Students and staff travel to Darwin by coach and

fly back from Darwin at the end of tour, staying at various campsites along the way. This magnificent tour takes our students to Coober Pedy, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Old Telegraph Station, Daly Waters, Devils Marbles, Katherine Gorge, Yellow waters cruise and Kakadu National Park.

Year 10 Sports Coaching (Leadership)

Sailing Camp

For our Year 10 students who choose our Sports Coaching elective, we have a three day Sailing Camp at the Victorian Sailing School in Geelong. The Victorian Sailing School is a Department of Education run school and provides sailing and team building programs. It is a great opportunity for our students to learn a new activity and develop team-building skills. It is an ideal way for the Sports Coaching students to conclude a fantastic year.

International Tours*

French / German Exchange Program

France and Germany

Our International Student Exchange program provides students with a wealth of personal and educational experiences that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. It is a program that broadens students' horizons and allows them to:

- Travel within the host country and further afield with local students or other international students
- Meet people from around the globe and develop new, often lifelong, friendships
- Gain independence and confidence
- Learn more about themselves and another culture
- Attend classes in our sister schools
- Language Immersion
- Be an ambassador for Blackburn High School

It is offered bi-annually and over a period of 18 days where students will stay with host families and attend our sister schools. In exchange, in the same year, our sister school will visit us here at Blackburn High School and receive the same experience, being hosted by our families and attending school.

**Please note, our international tours are suspended until further notice due to worldwide Covid travel restrictions.*