

Camps and Tours

2022

Year 7 Camp

Lake Dewar Camp

Year 7 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 8 Camp

Kinglake Forrest Adventures Camp

Our Year 8 Camp is moving to a new location in 2022, Kinglake Forrest Adventures Camp. The camp has been selected based on its wholistic approach to student development allowing the School to work with the camp to design a meta program aimed at developing resilience and interconnection. Students remain with the same activity group, leader and teacher for the three days, developing trust and a strong sense of team connectedness – crucial for the finale of the camp. Students work together to solve problems and challenges that are both physical (kinaesthetic) in nature as well as cerebral, artistic, and interpersonal. The three days includes a range of activities including a spectacular high ropes course through the tree canopy, giant seesaw, forest bathing and leap of faith. Catering to the differing strengths of students, ensures inclusivity and accessibility for all students. The camp concludes with a very interactive and fun evening dubbed the 'Hunger Games' where teams compete to be the last team standing at the end of the night. The final morning is a team collaborative 'mission' of wildergaining that allows students to put into practice all they have learnt throughout the camp – applying new skills, choosing participants and roles based on the strengths of team members all spurred on by a healthy dose of competition to motivate and inspire.

Year 9 Duke Of Edinburgh Camp

Wilson's 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.*



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