Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc.

YABBING

Yabbing Locations
- Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Yabby Dam
- Shaw’s Lake

Yabbing Descriptions
- Yabbing is a great Activity to introduce the students to the safety of Fishing
- Yabbing also gives the students an experience they may not have an opportunity for in their family life
- Yabbing is a great relaxing Activity

Age Suitability
- All ages.

Staff Ratio
(Remember Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff cannot be considered as part of your Staff : Student Ratio at any stage during your Blackwood Experience.)
- 1:6 - leaders/teachers/adults to campers (a minimum of 2 Visiting Staff always accompany Yabbing Activities)

Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff Experience
- Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff have previous experience in preparing, implementing, leading and reviewing Yabbing Activities.
- They are confident of their own experience & ability to safely implement Yabbing.
- Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff have experience in Yabbing.
- Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff are aware of the intricacies involved in implementing Yabbing including, but not limited to:-
  - Equipment required
  - Students causing problems during the activity
  - Risk Management & Emergency Procedures
- All other Logistical requirements for Yabbing.

Group Leaders Experience
- Must have previous experience in supervising groups in outdoor recreation activities.
- Must have previous experience in supervising groups in outdoor recreation activities around water.

Student Participant Experience
- Ability & Willingness to safely be involved in the Activity of Yabbing.
- Awareness of others and safety guidelines relating to Yabbing.
Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Responsibilities

To ensure the Activity is appropriate for the age, ability & experience of the visiting students.

To safely & confidently implement Yabbing as an Activity.

Take responsibility for the technical and related safety of participants engaged in the activity.

Confirming Weather conditions with Group Leaders prior to preparing Yabbing.

Briefing participants about the nature and purpose of the activity, about potential hazards and appropriate safety procedures and instructions to be followed.

Group Leaders Responsibilities

GROUP LEADERS ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL YABBY BAIT

The Group Leader will be responsible for the supervision and behaviour of campers on the activity, at all rest stops, at the destination and for first aid.

Assessing first aid requirements, identifying campers at risk
e.g. asthma and appointing the first aider

Informing other Visiting Staff of their roles in the behaviour, supervision and instruction of campers.

Monitoring the welfare and fitness of Campers and other Visiting Staff.

Checking the suitability of clothing and equipment carried by Campers and other Visiting Staff.

Undertaking a head count prior to, during and after Yabbing.

Implementing sun safe strategies for all Campers & Visiting Staff.

Recording all incidents – including near misses – on the Incident Notification Form and / or patient Care Report and advising the Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre inc. Staff and their School Principals.

Visiting Staff Responsibilities

To carry out tasks as directed by the Group Leader and / or Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff.

These may include – but are not limited to:

- Monitoring the welfare and fitness of campers;
- Assisting the Group Leader and Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff;
- First aid responsibility;
- Route finding;
- The supervision and behaviour of campers;
- Assessing slow or injured campers; and
- Adhering to the safety rules.

Participant Responsibilities

Adhering to the safety rules and directions of:-

- Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff
- Group Leader
- Visiting Staff

Safety Equipment, Inventory & Clothing Requirements

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Everyone should wear solid footwear at all times eg. sandals/runners
- Thongs, Sandals & Gumboots are NOT appropriate
First Aid Requirements

- The Group Leader MUST carry a first aid kit at all times.
- There MUST be a qualified first aider within the visiting staff - not necessarily the Group Leader.
- Insect repellent and stingoess is a good idea.

Safety Briefing & Emergency Response

- Have FUN
- NEVER RUN AROUND THE YABBY DAM
- DO NOT ENTER THE YABBY DAM AREA WITHOUT A STAFF MEMBER
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO ENTER THE YABBY DAM
- YABBYING IS CATCH & RELEASE - YOU DO NOT COOK THE YABBIES
- DO NOT PICK UP THE YABBIES UNLESS:
  - YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWN BY A STAFF MEMBER HOW TO SAFETY PICK UP A YABBY; and
  - YOU ARE BEING FULLY SUPERVISED BY A STAFF MEMBER
- IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION EVERYONE MUST STOP AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOLS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE Inc. STAFF / GROUP LEADER / EMERGENCY SERVICES

Activity Notes

- Anyone Leading Yabbying through Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc MUST BE:
  - Familiar with the Yabby Dam Area & Yabbying as an Activity
  - Familiar with Emergency & Risk Management Plans
  - Currently 1st Aid Level 2 Qualified
- Everyone MUST BE checked to ensure they have appropriate gear for Yabbying
- Constantly check the health and wellbeing of all members of the group

Environmental Considerations

- Groups MUST implement Minimal Impact Bushwalking Practices throughout their Yabbying Experience
- These include but are not limited to:
  - Pack to minimise rubbish
  - Don’t burn or bury rubbish
  - Don’t throw rubbish into the Dam
  - If you carried it in, you carry it out
  - Don’t feed or leave food for the animals (except the Yabbies)
  - Leave the Yabby Dam Area better than you found them it
  - Always walk on the designated tracks and jetties in the Yabby Dam Area