



Outdoor & Environmental Studies

Description

Outdoor and Environmental Studies looks at the ways in which humans respond and interact with different environments. Students focus on personal responses and experiences of outdoor environments as well as ecological, historical and social contexts of relationships between humans and outdoor environments. They also explore the sustainable use and management of outdoor environments.

Unit Topics

Unit 1 - Exploring outdoor experiences

- Motivations for outdoor experiences
- Influences on outdoor experiences

Unit 2 - Discovering outdoor environments

- Investigating outdoor environments
- Impacts on outdoor environments

Unit 3 - Relationships with outdoor environments

- Historical relationships with outdoor environments
- Relationships with Australian environments since 1990

Unit 4 - Sustainable outdoor relationships

- Healthy outdoor environments
- Sustainable outdoor environments

Skill Development

The students develop a variety of skills in OES. These include hard skills such as camping and activity specific skills as well as teamwork, leadership, resilience and organisation.

Possible Assessment Tasks

Students complete a number of assessments throughout the year. These include PowerPoint Presentations, Multiple Choice, Short and Long Answer Tests, Data Analysis and Written Analysis and Evaluation.

Activities/Camps/Excursions

Students take part in theory based classes, to develop the skills and knowledge required for practical activities. Students take part in multiple day trips including canoeing, hiking, surfing, rock climbing and skiing. They also go on a number of camps for the year.

Career Options

Natural resource management, nature-based tourism, outdoor leading and guiding, environmental research and policy, education, and agriculture.