



Outdoor Education is an integral component of the Scotch College curriculum.

Outdoor Education offers students the opportunity to enjoy Australia's unique outdoor life, while nurturing respect for the environment and enhancing key life skills.

Camps are a part of the curriculum at each year level with Outdoor Education offered as an elective subject in Years 11 and 12.

At Year 11 and 12 level, the link between outdoor activities, health and environment is a key focus. Students also learn to develop and apply risk and safety management skills and responsibility for themselves and other members of a group.

CAMPS

Each camp builds on the skills and experiences obtained as students' progress through the program. Emphasis is on resilience, teamwork, leadership, group dynamics, sustainability, and environmental awareness in addition to practical living skills such as cooking, shopping, and planning. Familiarisation days are run prior to camps to ensure students are fully prepared for the experience.

Students keep a progressive, reflective journal during each camp which is presented to the students upon graduation as a highly valued memoir of their experience.

A sense of responsibility for the environment is fundamental to our outdoor education curriculum. Scotch focuses on places that have an impact to enable students to intrinsically understand the need for environmental protection and a sustainable future.

Our camps are managed by Scotch teaching staff, rather than external providers to further enhance positive relationships between our students and staff.





MITCHAM CAMPUS

YEAR 2: WOODHOUSE ACTIVITY CENTRE

2 Days / 1 Night. Experiences include: play at Belair National Park (enroute), a night walk, a hike, games, nature art and a cooking experience.

YEAR 3: NARNU FARM, HINDMARSH ISLAND

3 Days / 2 Nights at Narnu Farm. Experiences include: feeding farm animals, horse riding, butter churning, a wildlife interaction, and free play.

YEAR 4: TOC-H (VICTOR HARBOR)

3 Days / 2 Nights. Experiences include: visits to Urimbirra Wildlife park (enroute), Encounter Bay, Horseshoe Bay and the SA Whale Centre plus swimming and other beach activities.

YEAR 5: EL SHADDAI (WELLINGTON)

3 days / 2 nights at El Shaddai Christian Camp. Experiences include: river activities such as canoeing, raft building, and swimming, archery, rock climbing, the giant swing, and numerous team building activities.

YEAR 6: PORT NOARLUNGA AQUATICS CENTRE AND TWO NIGHTS CAMP DZINTARI CAMPSITE

3 Days / 2 Nights at Dzintari Camp, Normanville. Experiences include: snorkelling, reef walk, surf, paddle boarding, wind surfing, kayaking.

CODE CAMP

The Junior School also offers a Code Camp for Reception to Year 6 students during school holidays. Outcomes include learning to code in a fun environment, creativity and enjoying using logic and problem solving to build student's own app.

TORRENS PARK CAMPUS

YEAR 7: TAROOKI CAMP

3 days / 2 nights (1.5 days at Robe; 1.5 days in the National Park).

Experiences include: surfing, kayaking, bushwalking, navigational skills, and group cooking. Key Outcomes: introduction to leadership; environmental awareness; sustainability, group dynamics and teamwork.

YEAR 8

3 days / 2 nights. Students have a choice of camp, each with a different focus and in a different location (all local). Experiences include: surfing, sailing, kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking. Key Outcomes: personal challenge, individual planning and preparation.

YEAR 9: YEAR 9@SCOTCH

9 days / 8 nights at Burra. Part of the Personal and Social Capability and Sustainability component of our 9@Scotch program. Students participate in a residential experience where they live in small groups with a responsibility for a shared living environment. Experiences include: bushwalking (Southern Flinders Ranges), mountain biking, a 24-hour solo experience and community engagement. Key Outcomes: personal challenge, individual responsibilities (students budget for, purchase and cook their own food).

YEAR 10: GOOSE CAMP PROGRAM

5 days / 4 nights at Goose Island. Experiences include: kayaking around Goose, Wardang and surrounding Islands, snorkelling (seal lion colony), sailing, environmental stewardship of the Island of which Scotch College is custodian. Key Outcome: group interactions, teamwork, resilience in unfamiliar environments, culmination of outdoor experiences

CO-CURRICULAR

Several co-curricular camps are also offered throughout the year across different year levels including:

- » Rowing Camps (West Lakes, Port Adelaide, Nelson)
- » Music Camp at Encounter Bay
- » Agricultural Camp

MORE DETAILS

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