



Yarra Junction Campus



This unique campus is home to our immersive Education Outdoors Program. Yarra Junction provides a natural learning environment where students are challenged to consider the effect of their actions and lifestyle on the world around them. Established in 1947, the Experiential Learning Programs are provided across various year levels from all campuses.

Year 7 – Five-Day Program

A series of sequentially structured learning activities are conducted on the campus and surrounding local areas. The Year 7 Education Outdoors Program has a specific focus on the following learning areas:

- Personal Challenge and Resilience Development
- Community
- Environmental Connection
- Sustainable Food Production

Students spend two nights in Eco Cabins, one night sleeping under the stars and one-night camping in tents.

Year 8 – Eleven-Day Program

A series of sequentially structured learning activities are conducted on the campus and surrounding local areas. The Year 8 Education Outdoors Program has an expanded focus on the following learning areas:

- Personal Challenge and Resilience Development
- Community
- Environmental Connection
- Sustainable Food Production

Students will stay in Eco-Cabins while on campus and in tents for expedition nights.

Activities

During their time at Yarra Junction in Years 7 & 8, students will be involved in a number of challenging, fun and adventurous activities such as:

- Tyre tubing on the Yarra River
- Bike riding
- Canoeing
- Caving
- Bushwalking as part of a three-day expedition (Year 8)

- Cultural, environmental & scientific exploration
- Rustic furniture construction
- The high ropes course
- Milking and farming activities

Note: Activities vary from Years 7 to 8, and adverse weather may modify arrangements or require alternative activities.

The campus kitchen provides home cooked meals, and students will be involved in harvesting food from the campus vegetable garden, cooking and preparing meals for the campus community.

After the Program

A report is provided to students which provides valuable information about their achievements, successes and areas for personal growth that have been identified within and beyond the Education Outdoors Program.

Upon return from Yarra Junction, we encourage students to celebrate, share their achievements and discuss their personal learnings with parents, guardians and/or caregivers.

Photographs and movies will be captured throughout their journey and experiences at the campus.

Transportation

Students will be transported by the coach service to and from Yarra Junction Campus. They will be notified of their departure time in advance to ensure prompt departure to avoid delays. Students will return to their home campus by 3pm on the final day of program. During the program students will occasionally be transported to activities in Yarra Junction Campus vehicles by staff members.