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Entry Camp Experiences

Entry camp was an amazing experience filled with exciting challenges and new friendships. Anglesea recreation camp went for three days and we loved every second of it!

It was an early start for the entry students as we hurried to pack the last of our luggage. We were filled with excited and nervous energy, as we were about to spend the next three days with our friends. Little did we know that new friendships were going to blossom over our time at the camp.

Once at school it was a long wait for the bus, but we knew it would be worth it in the end. There were many different emotions and feelings amongst the students. Some people's faces were filled with joy, whereas others seemed to be filled with worry. We all crammed onto the bus and chatted excitedly for the next two hours.

The first step after arriving was being introduced to the YMCA staff, who all seemed kind and enthusiastic. We had a quick bite to eat and rushed to our cabins to unpack. After that we jumped straight into the activities. Many of the activities were based on the environment, team work and cooperation. Our activities included geocaching, archery, skating, canoeing, beach carnival, giant swing, the night walk, raft building, team challenges, crate climb and many more. At the end of each activity we were either wet, sweating or covered in mud, but you couldn't wipe the grins off our faces.

One of the activities that I really enjoyed was a team challenge. There was a long tube filled with holes that had a rubber duck at the bottom. We had to pour water into the tube so the duck would eventually rise to the top. Everyone tried to cover up the holes while a person poured water into the tube. It was so much fun and you could have probably heard our laughter from a mile away. It took a while, but eventually we completed the challenge, and I can honestly say not one person in my group was dry at the end of it!

The leap of faith was an activity that I doubt many people could have done without their teammates. To begin with you had to put on a harness and climb to the top of a ladder. Once you reached the top of the ladder you had to climb to the top of a small platform, and by then you were far off the ground. But the challenge really began when you had to jump off. It doesn't sound like much, but it was quite scary. However, with the help of the encouragement from our teammates many people decided to give it a go and found they enjoyed it. To me, this activity seemed all about encouraging others and trying new things.

The beach carnival was so much fun and it was filled with a series of small activities. We painted our faces in house colours and walked to the beach carrying our house flag. Once we got there we had wheelbarrow races and many people ended up laughing or covered in sand. Then we played a house competition of capture the flag in the estuary. To finish the carnival, we had a number of short activities, such as the sand building competition and a water transfer challenge. The beach carnival was awesome and I loved competing against the other houses.

I really enjoyed my time at the camp, however, there was one thing that stood out to make the camp more unique and memorable. Our camp was run by the YMCA staff and the TC students. We called them camp leaders and I absolutely loved having students teach us as well as the staff. They set a great example and I am so glad we had the opportunity to bond with older students.

By the time our three days were up everyone was exhausted, yet happy. We packed up our things and thanked the camp leaders and YCMA staff. It was an exciting and unique experience, and we will never forget our amazing entry camp!

By Alyssa Coleman and Maddie Daoud
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Entry Camp Stories

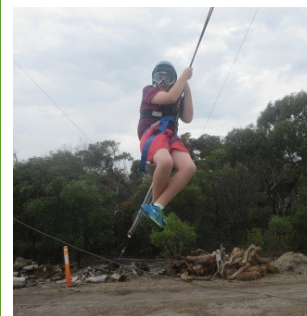
I woke to the sound of people snoring and talking. I had been awake most of the night and really wanted to go to bed again, but I couldn't. It was 6:45 am and breakfast was at 7:00. I quickly put some clothes on and went outside for a morning stroll. A couple of minutes later people started lining up for breakfast, so I joined. For breakfast there was toast, cereal and fruit. One hour later we headed off to play ping-pong or basketball. Soon after that entry level and the leaders lined up in our groups to start the activities. The activities were canoeing, beach carnival, skateboarding, archery, jump of faith, high ropes course and lots more. After 3 days of fun and excitement, we jumped on the bus and rode home.

By Helena van der Lans
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On camp all of the entry students and staff gathered together to have a fun and enjoyable experience at YMCA camp in Anglesea. We fought the waves in a daring canoe race, climbed up high on nets and tried to reach the top, as well as free falling (with a harness, of course!) Many students fought their fears in the challenging activities. We would like to thank all the staff and the house leaders for organising the camp and hope they enjoyed it as much as we did!

By Bella Gomez and Mason Phillips
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In 2016 the entry students went on a camp to Anglesea. I thought it was really fun we had lots of different activities such as: high ropes, leap of faith, vertical challenge, skating, archery, giant swing etc. My personal favourite was the leap of faith, which was jumping off a high ledge into thin air while being attached to a harness.

By Alla Goodison
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Camp was in the lovely Anglesea. The weather was really good and everyone had a great time. The camp and student leaders did a really good job at running the camp. We did many activities, that included the giant swing, leap of faith and archery. All these activities and more helped us develop great skills like trust, teamwork and even helped some people conquer their fears. Camp made many great memories.

By Eleanor Bollands
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I really enjoyed entry camp, and as it was my first ever school camp I didn't know what to expect, but I found it really fun because it helped me build friendships and make more friends who are in my house. I really enjoyed the range of activities like, high ropes, canoeing, the giant swing and lots more. These challenges helped me challenge myself and try things that I had never tried and probably wouldn't have tried. The leaders were always so helpful and encouraging, and as they were students I found it a lot easier and more exciting. Entry camp helped with my leadership skills, friendships, and has inspired me to always challenge myself. This camp was overall so much fun.

By Aisha Timlin
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Entry Camp Leaders Experience

On the 5th of March, a group of 12 entry camp leaders arrived at school nice and early to debrief for the camp ahead. To be a camp leader is to help, plan and then run the entry camp, using the teachers as support if necessary. The camp was held at YMCA Anglesea and it was an amazing experience for both the leaders and students. The leaders were able to have our very own t-shirts, which were fantastic for the entry students to differentiate the leaders from their fellow students. The students were in activity groups, which were split from their houses. They participated in a range of bonding activities, such as the estuary encounter and the beach carnival. The leaders had a truly awesome time and gained so many new experiences, Thank you to the awesome entry students for making this camp so much fun!

By Jess Smith
Pegasus



House Photos!



Entry Experiences

On the 7th of March the TC entry kids left for camp at Anglesea YMCA. When we got there we were greeted by the friendly staff. We then found out our cabins and our activity groups. After we settled down into our cosy cabins, we got ready for our first activity. Some of the activities included the giant swing, the high ropes course, canoeing, and my personal favourite crate climb. After our daily activities, we sat down and had a lovely dinner in the dining room, whilst discussing what the next day held in store for us. Some early birds the next day were so excited for the second day, they woke up too early, while others just wanted to sleep. But everyone was excited about what activities they would have. Breakfast was yum with a range of choices for our most important meal of the day. The day's activities weren't complete until the night walk was over, where we strolled along the beach. Some cheeky students even went for a swim. The last day finally came around. We all enjoyed ourselves, but no doubt people missed their own beds and of course the company of their parents. So we all had one last activity and then headed back home to enjoy the rest of the week with our families.

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