

BOGONG



A fortnight ago, 46 Yr8's , 1 Yr 9 and 1 Yr 10 work Experience student plus 4 staff travelled to Bogong at Falls Creek for a week long camp.

This camp centred around adventure and challenging activities whilst a focus was also on learning about local, national and international sustainability and environmental issues.

The bus trip was long but the change in scenery on the way up the mountain was amazing. We were placed in boy and girl dormitories and put into mixed groups of around 12 people.



The building that forms the main part of the camp was originally built for the Snowy River dam scheme back during the Second World War.

It has been a school camp since the early 1950's and is one of only three camps run by the education department. We are one of only 3 schools in the state that currently has 48 places as

most school only get 24 spots. We were very lucky and thank you Mr McFadden for applying for this last year.

Each group spent the week completing activities like high ropes, orienteering, snow shoe walking/hiking, canoeing and rock climbing.

We started each day early with either duty activities or exercise. The gear we were provided with was great and everyone felt safe and secure.

We were lucky with the weather with many clear days and plenty of frosts.

The food was excellent with chef Phil taking the time to introduce each meal. We weren't allowed any technology but we didn't miss it much.

It actually snowed on the last night we were in camp and this was a highlight for many along with the wonderful wake up music Mr Hill played at 7.00am each morning – NOT!

The staff at the camp were all friendly and caring and it was well run and organised. Activities at night included initiative games, films and playing pool and even a small disco.

Overall it was a fun camp and went far too quickly.



A lot of fun was had and special thanks to all the teachers Mr Hill, Mrs McArthur, Mr Bell and Jill, for taking us and to Peter the Trotters bus driver for getting us home safe. If you get the chance to go on the Year 8 camp do it. It is well worth it.

Can you get 48 Yr8's next year 2015 Yr 7's!?!