



Tonight

- ▶ Mittagundi
- ▶ What to expect?
- ▶ Clothing and equipment
- ▶ Groups
- ▶ Student responsibilities
- ▶ Actions/Questions?

Important for students have realistic expectations and a good understanding of logistics.

At Mittagundi – no modern day devices allowed. Anything like phones, watches, music, extra food, etc will be collected and stored securely during the program at Mittagundi. Be prepared for this and acknowledge it is a great experience without such items. There is no time at Mittagundi – cameras are allowed but times and dates will be scrambled by staff.

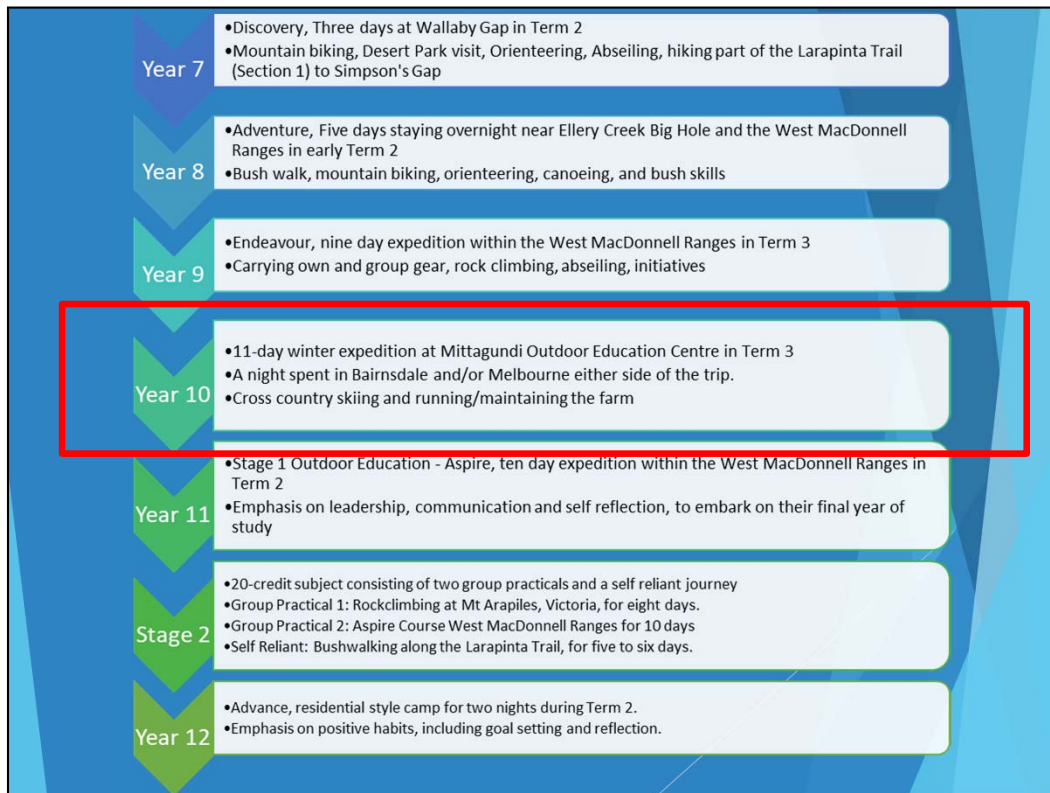
- No electricity, everything powered by fire. Everything at mittagundi has been made by Young people. The running of the farm relies on young people going to Mittagundi on programs to assist.

Clothing and Equipment – definitely a different environment and we need to make sure we are prepared for the various elements. Pay particular attention to the equipment list and do not leave things to the last minute.

Groups are allocated and sorted, flights are locked in. This was all reliant on our deadlines earlier in the term (EOI due 6 Feb, Independent Travellers Due 7 Feb).

Students are responsible for engaging with this information and the

equipment list prior to leaving so they know what to expect. Students are responsible for their own behaviours and attitudes and there are high expectations for students attending this program.

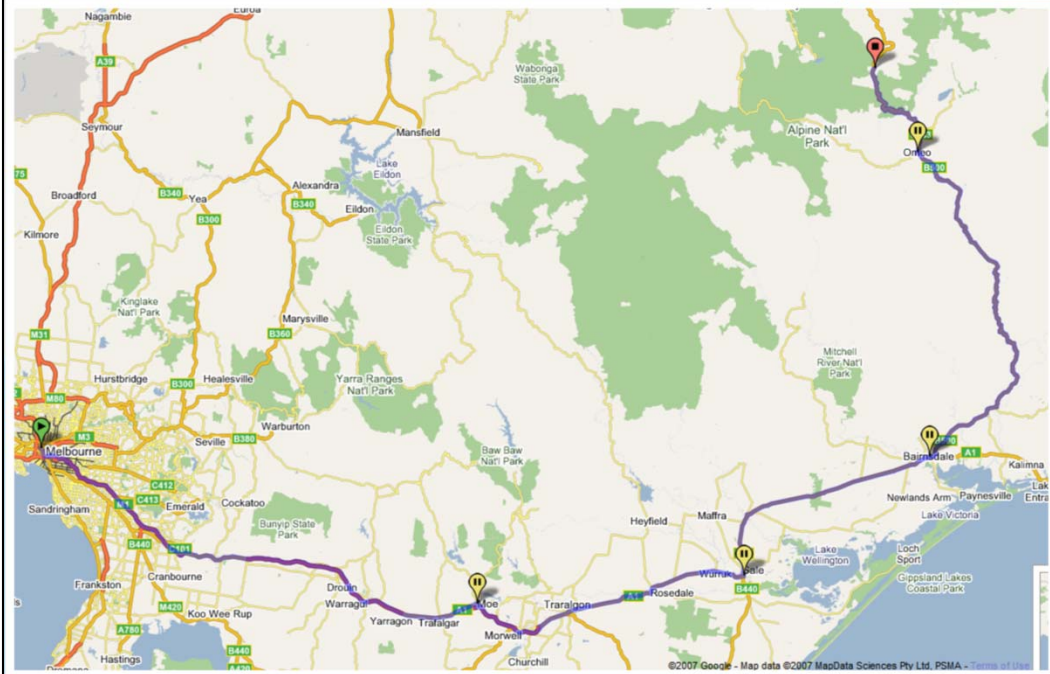


Program outline at the College and where Mittagundi fits.

Programs are progressively getting more difficult as students advance through the years.

Mittagundi is different to our programs in Central Australia but still has its challenges.

Location - Mittagundi



Flying > Bairnsdale – lots of sitting and late night typically on that first day.
Bonus is we get to Mittagundi earlier the next day

Mittagundi

- ▶ 11 days away -2 days flying, 9 at Mittagundi
- ▶ SPC Group will split in half on arrival
- ▶ Term 3 - Two departure Dates
- ▶ Held at Mittagundi Outdoor Education Centre, Victorian Alps



Remarkable level of interest – 72 positions available in 2025

Very demanding: long and challenging conditions.

All Year 10s return to school in Week 3

Group 1, heads out on some holidays and having a little break before Week 3 classes on their return (13 July to 23 July)

Group 1 may not split as it is a smaller group already.



<https://youtu.be/bxVPKU9W4po>



Walk and ski to a hut.

Expect cold hands/cold toes – however try and avoid extreme cases. Follow the equipment list and make sure you are keeping yourself dry. Ask for help.

Busy days – whole heap of jobs on offer between the carbohydrate intensive meal times. Everything seems to revolve around feed times.

Porridge wasn't the only brekky option provided in 2024 which was great. Tips for brekky is to eat it hot and quick with sugar and sultanas and any other toppings on offer.

Jobs – blacksmithing, gardening, milking the cows, digging holes, fencing, wood chopping, kitchen is the warmest job – we have had Graham from Maintenance heading down for a few years which has been handy and he has been very valuable down there.

Lots of procedures in place and PPE for jobs

Any meat has generally been raised on site and butchered off site, maybe named after staff members.

Most buildings have been made with young people

Four day ski touring trip is generally a highlight and is dependent on the snow. You may get to ski straight from the car drop off if you're lucky but you may be walking a bit to the huts.

It is cross country – not downhill. So have those expectations and don't bring equipment made for ski resorts.

A fair bit of prep goes on at Mittagundi with equipment checking. Mittagundi will provide all safety and technical equipment. Ski jackets or anything you would generally wear at resorts are most likely going to be a No, but if it is a goretex shell, it is generally going to be good.

Mittagundi generally will have the chance to purchase merch – particularly a mitta hoody and bumper stickers

Clothing & Equipment

- ▶ The equipment list is comprehensive and specific
- ▶ Mittagundi provide a lot of gear and equipment
- ▶ Sheets and Pillowcase
- ▶ Woollen or fleece (only some types) clothing essential - jumpers, beanies, gloves, socks
- ▶ Thermal underwear is essential. Long top and bottoms.
- ▶ Use sports bag for packing luggage and clearly label.
- ▶ Clothing for Melbourne (it will be winter!)
- ▶ Mobile Phone Expectations



Wearing SPC uniform during days of transit to and from Melbourne

Mobile phone expectations during transit – management of the battery life is important to consider. Staff will elaborate more on these expectations at the commencement of the trip.

Merino, polypropelene good – some might stink more than others but having a few is good.

You may need to walk up a 4wd track to get up to Mittagundi from where the bus could drop you off (if it is rainy), a sports bag is suitable than those with little wheels which aren't made for offroad walking.


Last night spent in Melbourne CBD.











Strict expectations about use of mobile phones, and misuse will end up with it confiscated, and can be escalated depending on the use. Staff will very clearly elaborate on this during transit.

Obtaining equipment

- Should be able to avoid large purchases
- Borrow from others - Over 900 St Philip's students have been to Mittagundi
- Op-shops can be a good source for woollen jumpers
- Lone Dingo Adventure* offer SPC discount (Lone Dingo pricing list on Schoolbox, the College Website and instore)

LONE DINGO STUDENT PRICELIST
St. Philips Outdoor Program
2025

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<p><u>THERMALS</u> Sherpa Polypropylene \$25/ Wool \$93</p> 	<p><u>WALKING BOOTS \$179</u> One Planet Cobbler, OR 15 % off any other style</p> 
<p><u>FLEECE JACKET \$68</u> Sherpa Premium Fleece Top</p> 	<p><u>PASSAGE DINNERWARE SET \$33</u> Sea to Summit</p> 
<p><u>MERINO LITE HIKER SOCKS \$21</u> Sherpa</p> 	<p><u>HEAD TORCH \$42</u> Black Diamond Astro</p> 
<p><u>BEANIES \$12</u> Sherpa Tenzig or Chokpa</p> 	<p><u>WATER BOTTLE \$25</u> Nalgene Sustain 1000ml</p> 
<p><u>GLOVES \$21</u> Sherpa Fleece Glove</p> 	<p><u>SAFETY WHISTLE \$10</u> Coghlans</p> 

Lone Dingo are great to provide some options for St Philip's with student pricing list. Limited amount of stock and supply

A lot of students have gone over the years so borrow!

Head to the Op-Shops but we will be informing Year 9s and 11s so they could start raiding op shops too.

Program Dates



Term 3

Group 1 (13 July -
23 July) - 24 places

Group 2 (24 July - 3
August) - 48 places


Normal Classes
Week 3

Term 3

No classes until Week 3

Student responsibilities

- Be prepared and organised
- Willingness to learn and contribute to success of their group
- Try new things and participate fully
- Respect for Self, Others and the Environment
- Responsible for their own safety
- Following College rules - behaviour, language, prohibited substances.
- Have fun!

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a black jacket, is shown from the chest up, brushing his teeth. He is outdoors in a snowy environment with bare trees in the background. The image is partially overlaid by a blue geometric graphic on the right side.

Oral hygiene – take your toothbrush.

Very young Mr Tudor pictured.

Be prepared and organised.

Itinerary on the letter is very organised, engage with it and organise yourself

If you have a willingness to learn you will generally have a good time. If you are miserable the whole time, you are going to have a bad time.

Not everyone is going to want to dig a hole, not everyone is going to want to cook but fill gaps and try different things!

Respect for self, others and environment.



ACTION REQUIRED:

- ▶ Medical Information and Consent for attendance Complete through *Operoo*
- ▶ Please ensure that you complete all medical information as accurately as possible, and early as possible

▶ **Questions?**

Operoo – Follow links in Operoo emails to see all information, download attachments, and respond.

Ensure your son/daughters profile is as up-to-date as possible with all information for your child. Mittagundi and ourselves rely on this information early so get it up to date asap.

Log in issues? You can reset your password directly from the Operoo website – Select "Forgot Password". If you need to update your address or contact information – contact Janine Cooper (Registrar) or Reception.

The best thing to stop notifications is to get straight in and complete the action asap!