Catholic College Wodonga Life in Jesus

YEAR 9 OUTDOOR & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION APPLICATION

GUIDELINES

What is Outdoor & Environmental Education?

The Year 9 Outdoor & Environmental Education program is designed to introduce students to Outdoor Adventure activities whilst participating in a safe and sustainable manner as a group.

Year 9 Outdoor Experiences:

- River Canoe Journey overnight – Includes two practice sessions
- Overnight Alpine Bushwalk – Includes some local practice walks
- Rock climbing / Abseiling / Bouldering

In class we learn about the following:

- Characteristics of the environments we visit
- How to interact with them in a sustainable manner
- Indigenous history
- Fauna and Flora within these environments
- Human Threats to these environments
- Codes of Conduct / Staying safe
- Planning for our excursions

Criteria

- At least 80% attendance average
- Positive behaviour record
- Demonstrated interest in the area of Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Ability to explain the reason for undertaking this subject

When the criteria have not been met, but extenuating circumstances exist, applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

Rules

- Complete application form
- Approval by Outdoor Education staff, and Year level leaders
- Contract to be signed by student, teacher and parent

How to apply

1. Complete the Application Form.
2. Select your preferred subject when making your subject selections.
3. Submit your application by the due date (see Key Dates on subject selection website).
4. Submit your New Student Subject Plan or Web Preferences by the due date.
5. Attend an interview.
6. Sign a contract to commit to the subject

You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

Student Details

Student Name Current Year Level

Why are you applying?

How will this help with your future goals / career pathway?

Are you aware that it is predominately a theory-based subject, and that competency must be demonstrated to pass and attend excursions? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Are you prepared to miss out on some school commitments in order to attend overnight excursions? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Are you willing to sign a participation agreement demonstrating your commitment to all aspects of this course? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Student Signature Date

Parental Reference

Please explain the reasons you support your child with their interest in studying Outdoor Education.

Parent / Guardian Name

Parent / Guardian Signature Date