



Education Queensland School Holiday Adventure Packages Edmund Park - December 2003 – January 2004

Edmund Park is located at Thornton in the Lockyer Valley, 1 hours drive south west of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The services of Edmund Park also include the management of another centre – Camp Laurence situated at Lake Moogerah. In addition to these two venues, programs are also run at a number of other venues and locations through South East Queensland. These venues include beach, rainforest, environmental, bus, dams - with a wide range of activities.

Accreditation

Edmund Park is proud to be the first Nationally Accredited Campsite in Queensland under the guidelines of the Australian Camping Association. This means that we have been independently assessed and that we meet or surpass the core requirements for the safe and successful operation of a camp. More specifically, what this means to you as a client is that we have addressed all aspects to ensure the safety of your students while undertaking activities through our organisation.

Mission

Edmund Park Adventure Education Centre provides high quality facilities, training, and service in the outdoor education arena. The centre provides a venue for the personal development of youth and adult alike. Our clients are paramount and all their expectations will be surpassed. All clients will feel that they have benefited from a visit to Edmund Park. All people are given the opportunity to learn and develop their own skills in a caring environment.

Staff

John Woods, Director

Julie Woods, Business Development Manager

Ian Keam, Operations Manager

Michael Browning, Site Manager Camp Laurence / Senior Instructor

Caroline Browning, Site Manager Camp Laurence / Instructor/Co-Ordinator

14 Outdoor Educational Professionals plus full time catering, maintenance and administrative support staff and a variety of other casual instructional staff.

Memberships/Affiliations

- Member, Queensland Camping Association (QCA)
- Member, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF)
- Member, Outdoor Educator's Association Queensland (OEAQ)
- Associate Member, Association of Challenge Course Technologies, USA (ACCT)
- Registered Operator, Duke Of Edinburgh's Award
- Registered Property for Bushcare Land for Wildlife

Insurance

All activities undertaken by Edmund Park are covered for Public Liability and Professional Indemnity.

JOHN WOODS

Director - Edmund Park and Camp Laurence



John has been managing Edmund Park with his wife Julie since 1995. In that time, he has developed the centre from one that had no real focus, very few clients, and no equipment nor expertise in the area, to one of the leading camps and Outdoor Education Centres in Queensland and Australia.

He has had a varied career in advertising and marketing as well as having been a professional musician for many years. His management and marketing training through organisations such as News limited and Neville Jeffress Advertising have led John to be an energetic and creative thinker who is capable of undertaking many roles at one time.

His current position sees him responsible for the writing of and implementation of Accreditation requirements, responsible for Risk Management writing, implementation and adherence, and responsible for the running of all aspects of the busy and rapidly expanding centres.

His previous Management experience has been as Manager of The Queensland Government Advertising Unit, with Neville Jeffress Advertising, dealing with top level government personnel. He has also has held positions in major media companies such as News Limited.

Cultural Exchanges

John's most recent overseas trip was a 5 week cultural exchange tour to China with two teachers and 24 students from St Edmunds College, Ipswich. St Edmund's College is the owner of Edmund Park.

The Principal, teachers and students of the Xi Nan Weiyu Middle School in Shanghai hosted the tour, held over 5 weeks in June/July 2001. John assisted in the daily supervision of the students as well as acting as tour manager and treasurer, looking after the finances of the tour and the student's own personal monies.

The groups spent nearly four weeks in Shanghai, then toured to Xian and Beijing before returning home. During the visit, the Principal of St Edmunds College, Mr Jim Lucey along with other Australian dignitaries, attended the official opening ceremony of the St Edmunds College Shanghai Campus. The opening was also attended by officials from the Shanghai office of the Chinese Department of Foreign Affairs and officials from the Shanghai Education Bureau. In return for this gesture, the Principal of Xi Nan Weiyu Middle school and other dignitaries were invited to Australia to open a reciprocal campus at St Edmunds in Ipswich, Queensland in late 2001.

It is hoped that this association will continue for many years, with another group of students from St Edmund's visiting Shanghai each year.

Another cultural exchange undertaken by John was in June/July 1999 where he visited an Aboriginal town in the Northern Territory for two weeks. This isolated township of 2000 people is home to various family groups of Indigenous Australians. The cultural immersion allowed two teachers, John, and 12 students to experience first hand the deep affinity the people have with the land, plus it developed a greater understanding of the differences between the indigenous people and those from a more western background.

IAN KEAM

Operations Manager - Edmund Park



Ian Keam joined the Edmund Park Team at the commencement of 2001, and currently holds the position of Operations Manager. His position is responsible for the management, co-ordination, training and assessment of 16 Outdoor Education Staff plus many casuals.

Ian is third in charge of Edmund Park, and is a valued member of staff who makes a major contribution to the day to day running of the business as well as the future direction of Edmund Park.

Ian's responsibilities at Edmund Park include:

- Development of programs
- Development of new areas and venues
- Program management / co-ordination
- Risk management development
- Group instruction in outdoor activities
- Staff training, assessment and professional development

Ian's disposition is cheerful, supportive and encouraging of all participants, while also understanding individual personal and cultural differences. He is widely travelled, and has a genuine appreciation for other cultures and the life skills that this brings. He has the ability to make sensible judgements for issues that arise and demonstrates a high level of personal integrity, work ethic and commitment in the workplace. Ian possesses a Psychology Degree, and has a high level of interpersonal skills, and sound communication and negotiation skills. Ian has dealt with a wide range of organisations and individuals such as; schools, corporate groups, general public, tour groups, training program for peers and peer group mentors, and youth at risk groups.

Since 1992, Ian has held positions, which have required staff training and management. He has also undertaken one year as a TAFE Instructor, before commencing with Edmund Park in early 2001.

Ian's Professional Qualifications are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts in Psychology• Diploma in Outdoor Leadership• Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work place trainer assessor• Work place trainer level 1
Other qualifications or experience include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4WD course• Advanced bushwalking leader – day & overnight• Assistant sailing instructor• Bushwalking• Canoeing• Counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaders Wilderness First Aid• Navigation & Orienteering• Powerboat handling TL3 license• Rock climbing• Ropes courses• Sailing• Sea kayaking instructor• White water proficiency

Ian has travelled extensively and as such has developed a greater understanding of the many cultural differences between the many peoples of the world. Countries visited for periods of over one month include: America, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Britain, and New Zealand. He has also taken numerous small trips around Europe.

Holiday Adventure Program 2003 - Bush and Beach

Dates: Wednesday 3 to Tuesday 9 December 2003

Monday 12 to Sunday 18 January 2004

Duration: 7 days

Location: Bush and Beach (Edmund Park & Sunshine Coast)

Numbers: 20 students per group

Focus Areas: Adventure, Aussie experience, Relaxation and Fun.

Activities: Learn to surf, snorkelling, canoeing, bushwalking, camping, abseiling, mountain biking and horse riding, just to name a few!

The Program: During your seven day Australian Adventure experience you will have the opportunity to visit some fantastic rainforest, coastal and bush environments in the Noosa and Thornton areas.

The main purpose of this program is to allow you to experience a number of typically Australian environments through adventure, relaxation and fun activities.

During your stay at Noosa (3 – 4 days) you will campout in tents by the water on the banks of Lake Cootharaba in the fully serviced campgrounds. This campground is also home to kangaroos and native birds.

During the day you will take part in a combination of exciting and relaxing activities. These will include: a half day learn to surf / beach session, a half day snorkelling session, a day long canoe journey up the famous Noosa river everglades and a rainforest walk.

The rest of the time you will be free to relax, exercise, explore and enjoy the beautiful area.

The next part of your journey will involve travelling to Edmund Park, which is situated on the Little Liverpool Range west of Brisbane. This will be your home for the remainder of the week.

While at Edmund Park you will stay in dormitories and have access to ovals, tennis & basketball courts and a swimming pool.

During the day you will take part in a number of adventure activities in a bush setting. These include a day of horse riding, mountain biking and abseiling, a challenge ropes course, and some team activities. You will also have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the peaceful bush setting.

During the evening you will have the opportunity to listen and dance to a traditional Australian bush band, experience an Aussie BBQ under the stars, sit around the camp fire and experience a wildlife demonstration. You will also be able to chill out listening to music and watching DVD's.

During your seven day experience you will have 2 fully trained and experienced adventure guides with you at all times. They will be responsible for your safety, supervision and your activities during your stay.

You will also be provided with all activity equipment, camping gear, food and transport during your stay.

Bush Walk. This session will incorporate a walk around the Edmund Park bush property, and will include local knowledge on the flora, fauna and some aboriginal culture.

Rainforest Walk. This session will incorporate a walk through the dry rainforest in the Great Sandy National Park, and will include local knowledge on the flora, fauna and some aboriginal culture.

Bush Dance. A great experience for their 1st night at Edmund Park, the Rantan Bush Band will entertain them with some Aussie bush songs, dances and games.

BBQ & Campfire. This will be the 2nd night activity, with an Aussie BBQ dinner at our Campfire location including Billy tea & damper. Edmund Park staff will also entertain the students with a snake demonstration and other great activities.



Canoeing. This will involve a basic skills canoe lesson then a day paddle through the everglades on the Noosa River, stopping for lunch at Fig Tree Point.

Snorkelling. You will be taught proper snorkelling and safety techniques by qualified Dive Masters. You will then be free to explore the diverse underwater environments that are found in the Noosa river estuary. Please note the snorkelling area is very calm and protected, with nice beaches and picnic areas close by.

Surfing / Beach. You will have the opportunity to learn to surf at one of Australia's best known surf beaches. Fully qualified and experienced surf coaches will be available to teach you the basics of surfing, body boarding and body surfing. You can also chill out on the beach and watch the world go by.

Flying Possum. The flying possum is a group activity that has a high degree of personal challenge and team work. It operates by having one participant attached to one end of a rope while the rest of the group is attached to the other end of the rope. The single person becomes the flier when the group runs backwards. The group concept is quite simple - if the group doesn't pull, the possum doesn't fly. The personal challenge aspect comes from the ability for the flier to choose how high, how fast or how much swing is involved in their challenge.



Horse Riding & Whip Cracking. This is an off-site activity, with participants being transported by Edmund Park Mini Bus to the location nearby. Sessions will be

approximately one hour in duration. Whilst at this location, students will also experience a whip-cracking demonstration and have the opportunity to test their own skill!

Mountain biking. This activity will involve a mountain biking lesson then journey riding along bush and 4wd tracks.

Roping & Abseiling. These activities involve team work and personal challenge. You will be taught climbing and abseiling skills and have the opportunity to complete a challenge ropes course and abseil down a 20m cliff face.

Fee:

Based on a minimum group of 20, the per person fee, including GST, is \$1,500. Prices for a five day option and fewer activity choices are also available.

The fee includes:

- Transport by luxury coach from Brisbane to Noosa River Area, to Edmund Park and back to central Brisbane
- All accommodation
- All camping fees
- Complete specialist equipment for all activities
- Full catering including snacks
- All activities and associated costs, transfers etc.
- Two full-time staff to provide 24 hour supervision and duty of care for the full duration of the program per group of 20
- One back up staff member per program area

Further Information and Bookings:

All bookings and enquiries should be made to

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**EDMUND PARK Adventure Education
HOLIDAY ADVENTURE PROGRAM
December 2003 / January 2004**

DAY 1		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
	9:00 am	Depart Brisbane. Arrive Edmund Park 10.30 am. Morning Tea.			
		Settle in. Meet Instructors. Energisers. Lunch			
	1:00pm	Activities	High Ropes	Flying Possum Chill out time	Bush Walk incorporating environment & aboriginal themes
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		Night Activity	Bush Band		
		Bikes as mode of transport			
DAY 2					
	7:00	Breakfast	Bike to		
	8:00	Activities	Abseil	Horse Ride / Archery	Flying Possum
			Bike to next activity	Archery / Horse Ride	Recreational
	10:00		Horse Ride / Archery	Aussie Bush Skills:	Bike to
					Flying Possum
			Archery / Horse Ride	Damper, Whip Cracking, Billy Tea	Abseil
	12:00	Lunch		Bike to next activity	
	1:00	Activities	Aussie Bush Skills:	Bike to	Horse Ride / Archery
			Damper, Whip Cracking, Billy Tea	Abseil	Archery / Horse Ride
	3:00		Return to EP	Return to EP	Aussie Bush Skills:
			Chill out time	Chill out time	Damper, Whip Cracking, Billy Tea
					Return to EP
	6:30	Dinner			
	8:00	Night Activity:	Bush BBQ, Campfire, Wildlife Demonstrations		
DAY 3					
	7:00	Breakfast			Bike to
			Flying Possum	High Ropes	Abseil
			Recreational Time	Recreational Time	Bike to next activity
	12:00	Lunch			
	1:00				Horse Ride / Archery
			Bush Walk incorporating environment & aboriginal themes	Bush Walk incorporating environment & aboriginal themes	Archery / Horse Ride
	3:00				Aussie Bush Skills:
					Damper, Whip Cracking, Billy Tea
					Return to EP
	6:30	Dinner			Chill out time
	8:00	Night Activity:	Recreational & Social		
DAY 4					
	9	Depart Edmund Park	Arrive Sunshine Coast 12:00 am		
			Elanda Point. Set up Camp. Chill out		
			Rainforest Walk	Rainforest Walk	Rainforest Walk
DAY 5					
			Canoe Journey (whole day)	Canoe Journey (whole day)	Beach - Surf Lessons
					Snorkelling
					Beach - Surf Lessons
DAY 6					
			Beach - Surf Lessons	Snorkelling	Canoe Journey (whole day)
			Snorkelling	Beach - Surf Lessons	Canoe Journey (whole day)
DAY 7					
					Pack up. Depart . Return to Brisbane by 1.00 pm