



Year 9/10 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

2023 Course Outline



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Biblical Perspective

Outdoor and environmental studies aims to building community within the students through a large range of outdoor activities. It also aims to guide students to see Gods creation as something we are called to look after and celebrate. Students are challenged to overcome setbacks, unwrap their gifts while pondering creation. Some of the main threads being covered during either semester is to help students build a community feel by being active contributors during class and group activities in and out of the classroom. Students are also called to caretake Earth by responding to God's call to manage his creation.

Purpose statement

The purpose of Outdoor and Environmental studies is to develop student knowledge, skills and attributes that lead to self-development and environmental awareness through:

- Engaging in a range of outdoor activities that include:
 - Surfing at Phillip Island



- Caving



- Surfing at URBN surf



- Hiking



- White water rafting



- Students also need to complete a range of theory topics that include:
 - Early Australia and Indigenous cultures
 - Water safety
 - How relationships with the outdoors effects the environment
 - What observable characteristics can tell us about the health of the environment
 - Climate change and its effects
 - What value do we place on nature?
 - Dangers in the outdoors
 - Comparing modern Australia
 - Technology use in the outdoors
 - The commercialisation of the environment



Satisfactory completion

In order to complete either unit, a student must demonstrate achievement in all the learning outcomes of the unit. This includes:

Year 9/10 OES Semester 1

- Indigenous relationships with the outdoor environments
- Staying safe around water
- How society relates to the environment around them
- How technology may have increased participation and the negative effects this can have
- The observations that can be made to assess healthy outdoor environments

Year 9 /10 OES Semester 2

- The effects of climate change on the environment
- What value can we place on nature and where this ends
- Comparing the Australian environment prior to European settlement
- Dangers in the outdoors and how to maintain safety
- Technology use in the outdoors
- Commercialisation of the outdoors

