

# CampLife@TC

## Entry Camp

On March 5<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> the new 2018 entry students went to the YMCA campground in Anglesea. Everyone did their activities in their house groups. Each house had their own camp leader leading them through the activities that were assigned to that house. Some of the activities included giant swing, rock climbing, high ropes course, vertical wall, archery, skateboarding, geocaching, mountain bike riding, fishing and canoeing. There were basketball courts that everyone loved to play basketball on and that was where we would line up before activities. There were kangaroos along the camp ground behind the cabins. There was a bushy area that some people would walk through to see the kangaroos in action. There was a giant chess board and I saw lots of people there playing their own little chess game. There was a group of three houses who got to camp-out not far from the campground. Every house camped out once over the week. The groups that went out to camp for the night got to do either surfing, stand up paddle boarding, or both (or neither). Most of the students loved the camp-out. We slept in tents in groups of 2 and 3. We had breakfast at the caravan park, but we had to go back to the YMCA campsite for dinner. On the camp-out the students played on the jumping pillow. The meals were pretty good, and everyone couldn't wait for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also got morning tea and afternoon tea. We got little muffins and a piece of fruit which was good. The camp went for 5 days and 4 nights which gave us plenty of time to make new friends, meet new people and try a whole lot of fun activities. One of the highlights for Tia was the camp-out because there was a lot to do. We were right next to the beach and we got to sleep in tents. One of the highlights for Chloe was mainly all the activities and just being with all my friends for five days. I loved being able to go to the beach and have the time of my life with my friends.

By Chloe and Tia





### Entry Reflections

Camp was fabulous. I really enjoyed the activities. The giant swing gave an incredible view of Anglesey. The skateboarding looked incredibly fun, unfortunately I didn't get to do some activities as I got sunburnt on the second day. Regardless of complications, it was a great and enjoyable camp.

By Tara Jepson



Entry camp was really fun and I liked most of the activities but my favourite activity was surfing because it was really fun and surprisingly I was good at it. Although it was cold it was so much fun and I did catch some waves.

By Camryn Cleary



Camp was fun, I enjoyed the wide range of activities but I didn't really like the camp-out it was a bit mucky but a good experience to get out and about.

By Kjan La Brocca

We would describe our experience at entry camp as very fun and exciting. The experiences at camp took us out of our comfort zone and gave us time to bond with people. One thing we learnt was how to make smoothies on a bike. The activities that we enjoyed the most were playing basketball with the teachers, paddle boarding and surfing, archery and the camp-out. Overall it was a great social experience where we got to know each other and the teachers better and therefore when we got back to school the relationships between our peers were stronger.

By Flynn Anderson and Chloe Mayson



This week was a very successful week with many entry students forming friendships, gaining confidence in themselves and experiencing new things. It wasn't just the entry student who benefited from this experience as well, the leaders learnt what it took to run a camp like this. Weeks before the camp took place they gave up time to prepare everything with very little influence from teachers. During the camp it was still up to the leaders to make the decisions and make sure that everything was keeping on track and running smoothly. In my opinion the leaders showed great leadership and problem-solving skills, which as the camp progressed only got better. The leaders were made up of Megan Edwards, Ashira Chait, Ruby Elms, Net Lim, Joe Lambert, Ruby Truscot, Jazzy Swedosh, Isasih Harvey, Remy Walters, Reid Amor, Indi Brown and lastly myself, Jasmine Millar.

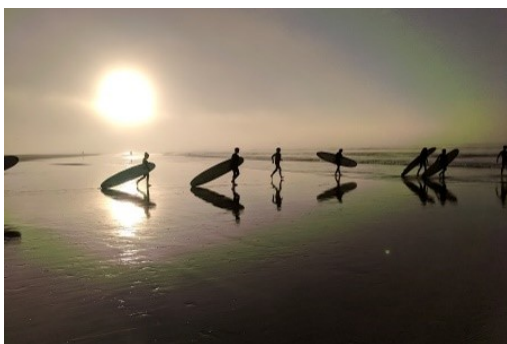
During the camp a popular activity was the Giant Swing, and here is an entry student, Jasmine King's, experience:

On camp we went on a giant swing it was 20 meters high and quite scary. I went to the top of it and the view was very pretty, then suddenly it dropped it felt, like my face melted it went so fast. It started slowing down and you could start to feel the harness digging into your skin and you felt so free when the finally took it off. We had to pull a rope to get other people up and it was funny watching them drop but everyone had fun.

Personally, my favourite experience was the skateboarding, this is because it was something that I had never done before and didn't think I would be able to do, but despite my doubts I did quite well just like the rest of my group. There were even people refusing to participate in the beginning but by the end of our lesson everyone was up and having a go. There were a few falls throughout the lesson (me being the first to fall which caused a few laughs) but everyone got back up with a smile on their face.

Overall the camp was a success for student and leaders alike.

By Jasmin Millar





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