



Year 7 Orientation Camp

Dates: Wednesday, 31 January to Friday, 2 February 2024

Venue: Busselton Baptist Camping Centre, Margaret River Mouth, Dunsborough and Geographe Bay areas

Camp Theme

Welcome to Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. This program is in the first week of school to clearly set out the culture we have at the School, to educate new and returning students on our expectations around interpersonal skills and relationships. This is one of the most significant events in a student's education at BCGS where we have the opportunity to set up their future educational and personal relationship wellbeing culture. It is the beginning of a shared understanding of BCGS culture for students, parents and staff. Wellbeing is the central core of this program and will be reinforced throughout each student's time at BCGS. There will be an additional Experiential Learning camp later in the year.

Camp Objectives

The Orientation Camp aims to:

- Heighten awareness and respect for:
 - self, through outdoor challenges
 - others, through group experiences and sharing decisions.
- Promote increased self-esteem, motivation and confidence by providing opportunities for attempting challenging (physically and mentally), unfamiliar activities in a supportive group atmosphere.
- Develop and reinforce personal responsibility and initiative within the group.
- Foster interdependence by:
 - developing the ability to create and maintain healthy relationships with others
 - providing experiences of working as part of a group to achieve a common goal
 - working toward developing a cohesive group which appreciates individual capabilities and limitations

Camp Outline

- Focus is on Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School culture and relationships through wellbeing being at the core
- Acknowledge and learn about Traditional Custodians; Noongar people
- Team games and problem solving
- Surfing and canoeing at Margaret River mouth
- Raft building
- Paddleboarding
- Monkey Business Ropes Course