



## Boshack Eco Adventure Camp

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Our lakeside Eco camp is a unique experience for Outdoor learning and Nature play. Away from computers, iPods, and mobile phones in a natural environment children have freedom to create and enjoy the simple things

# Day 1 - Nature Play Farm

**10.30am** Arrive at Boshack

Sheep mustering on foot: Sheep were brought to this country from England by the early settlers and many farms were established in the wheat belt area. Part of the farmer's tasks was to round up the sheep to shear them. So today we need you to round up these sheep in the paddock and guide them into the pens near the shed. (Seasonal) There is only one rule to remember. To get the sheep to the shed the easiest way always keep the sheep between you and the shed.



BYO morning tea: Under the shade of a gum tree enjoy your snack



Boomerang Throwing: Before the white settlers came here the Aborigines used to hunt for their food using boomerangs. Learn about the types they used and how they used them by watching a demonstration. Then try your hand at throwing a boomerang.

Water Divining: Used for thousands of years water divining is an ancient art of discovering underground water streams known as 'aquifers'. Try your hand at this ancient art to see if you have a natural gift in water divining.



Feed farm animals: Have you ever wondered what cow horns are made of? Well while you are feeding our farm animals you will find out along with lots of other interesting facts.



Aboriginal Dreamtime and Didgeridoo Playing: Experience the ways of the early pioneers and from the aboriginals thousands of years ago. Sit in the oasis environment amongst the paper bark forest. Blow the didgeridoo.



Early Settler and Aboriginal History: The setting in the paper bark forest goes back thousands of years. It was the perfect relaxing area in early life when there was no air-conditioning in the hot weather.

Lifestyle and Culture of our Forefathers: A talk on how our ancestors lived and experienced the outback, then you will learn how to eat the local delicacies of the witchetty grub. Listen to how they survived in the harsh bush environment while enjoying the taste of honeycomb chocolate.

Paper bark forest walk and Historic Well: A 50 meter walk through the cleanest and freshest air one can experience. Visit one of the original settler's water holes which provided the freshest of water.

**1pm** BYO Picnic Lunch



Yabbi Netting: The bush freshwater crayfish was an alternative to the meat diet in the bush. This crayfish is very similar to the ordinary crayfish that is caught from the sea.

**2pm** Arrive at Lakeside camp

Introduction to Boshack and our environmental footprint, fire drill and orientation of the lakeside camp

**3pm** Canoeing Teacher supervised canoeing on Lake Serene

Net Fishing The early settlers did not have the local shops to go to if they could not catch their own food. Use our home made nets and a recycled container to try your hand at catching a fish of any size.

*Please let the fish go afterwards as we care for the creatures in our environment.*



330pm Afternoon Tea & Free Time

430pm Showers

**6pm** Dinner



## Day 2 - Bush Tracks & Lake Springs Team Building, Survival Skills

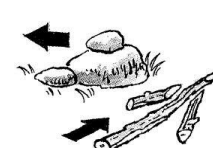
745am Bush Breakfast

845am Teacher & Student Brief

**9am Orienteering:** Have a look at your mud map of Boshack. Being able to interpret from a map to the land and execute your route choice successfully without getting lost is very important.

Take a close look at the map and work out your position before leaving camp. Then with your team navigate your way along the fire breaks or roads to each marker in the bush, which is indicated by a dot on the map. Write down the letters you find on the markers at these numbered points. Our early settlers have left you a clue and your task is to find out what that is. When all 16 letters have been collected rearrange them to make 3 words.

When you arrive at point **B** on your map you will need to leave signs of life. Use a Tracking Signal anywhere in this area so others know where you have been. (Refer to tracking signs with your map). You could also be creative and leave your own ideas of signs of life



**Building a Mia Mia** Shelter is one of the keys to survival; it will protect you from the elements. The most common error in making a shelter is to make it too large. A shelter must be large enough to protect you. It must also be small enough to contain your body heat, especially in cold climates. Frame work is one of the main keys to a successful structure. Show us how to build a good **frame work** for a Mia Mia using only the equipment supplied in this area.



1030am MORNING TEA

**1130am Raft Building:** Our early settlers built rafts to go fishing for food. Using the materials provided, your team must build a raft like the early settlers. This raft needs to be top-notch to float along the lake. Teams must work well together in designing the raft using knotting skills to build it and then see how well it floats.

1230pm LUNCH

1pm Depart Boshack