

# **FACTS SHEET: OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION GROUP**

## **OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAMS COVID-19 APPROACH**

During the current COVID-19 situation, ensuring all participants on our learning programs are safe while they spend time with us is our highest priority. Detailed plans and systems are in place to ensure our team and program participants are kept safe and infection risks are minimised. Planning has been informed using the information provided by Safe Work Australia, the Federal and State Departments of Health, and the Outdoor Council of Australia Framework for Re-booting the Outdoors Sector and through guidance provided by the Chief Medical Health Officer.

## **A SUMMARY OF OUR APPROACH**

### **STAFF TRAINING**

Our delivery and support team members have been provided training in all aspects of delivering programs and operating in a COVID-19 environment. In addition, all staff have completed the Federal Department of Health online training and certification.

### **KEEPING EVERYTHING CLEAN**

To minimise the chance of transmission, we have instigated additional cleaning and sanitation programs for all aspects of our operation. Buildings and facilities, as well as activity equipment and personal protective gear used by staff and participants, will be cleaned and sanitised following the highest standards as prescribed by authorities.

### **PERSONAL HYGIENE**

Handwashing stations and/or hand sanitiser will always be available during your time with us. Our staff will brief all participants on the expected personal hygiene practices and regular opportunity to wash your hands will be part of our program plan.

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

We have revised all our delivery methods to ensure adults supporting and participating in programs will not come within 1.5m of any person. Our staff will maintain their distance unless there is an emergency. Our staff are trained in the use of PPE and will have PPE readily available if required to minimise or mitigate

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risks associated with the potential spread of COVID-19. All program activities have been reviewed, including management and supervision of meal times to ensure COVID-19 practices for personal hygiene can be maintained.

## SCREENING

We have introduced several levels of screening to make every effort against COVID-19 entering our sites. This includes the pre-program declaration for participants and staff as well as the ability to carry out secondary screening and temperature checks if required. Our staff are also trained to monitor participants for any signs of symptoms throughout the program.

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS

To ensure best practice in safety, we ask everybody to adhere to the following code of conduct:

### Pre-arrival

- ▶ If you are feeling unwell or have a temperature or fever prior to arrival we ask that you let your School Co-ordinator or program organiser know, and do not attend on the day.
- ▶ Read and complete the health declaration prior to the program start and return to your School Co-ordinator or program organiser.

### Onsite

- ▶ Follow instructions of OEG staff

Use good personal hygiene, including:

- Regular hand washing/sanitisation
  - Sneeze and cough etiquette (elbow or tissue)
  - Minimise touching of face
  - Minimise touching of surfaces
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- ▶ Only enter designated areas as directed
  - ▶ Observe and follow social distancing guidance with staff and other guests as directed by your program leader (1.5m distance)
  - ▶ Inform OEG staff if you are feeling unwell
  - ▶ Be respectful to all staff and other guests

As a part of our government required COVIDSafe plan - we have changed some procedures to ensure we are meeting the COVID Safe Principles. You may therefore see us operating a little differently than we have previously, and our practices may evolve as we will continue to be guided by health and government authorities maintained. This is a learning process for all of us and we appreciate your support in helping our team manage the safety of guests while delivering your outdoor learning experience.

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