



# THE WAY

TERM 3: THURSDAY 7  
SEPTEMBER 2017



• Knight's Deck Blue Mountains - a superb vista!



Oh What a Feeling - the beautiful outdoors!





Instructor Tristan's Group



Reward for hard yakka up and down is often a superb view. Here - enjoying the Hawkesbury plains near Grose River.





Instructor Alex's Group



Instructor Jasper's Group





## Bronze Preliminary Camp Group at Deeimba, Yarramundi



## Silver Expedition to Wild Dog Mountains

### ADVENTURE TAKES DUKES OUTDOORS

Bronze and Silver Expeditions for Dukes – a wonderful experience!

Glorious winter weather, enthusiastic students in full explorer mode and commendable persistence and group care in hard conditions have all combined to make the recent Bronze and Silver Dukes expeditions safe and marked by outstanding success. Students have teamed up really well to learn their navigation and camp craft very well and showed that they have the courage and versatility to test out the new found skills in the wild bush, where mistakes can be costly. Leaders have all been impressed with how our students have improved their skills and attitudes remarkably well to be more resilient and resourceful.

Yet again these formative experiences that have been praised by students, staff and parents alike, attest to the important contribution that Dukes is making to the growth of maturity amongst students at our College.

The Bronze participants received expert instruction from staff at Yarramaundi Camp. The Silver students enjoyed a taste of the very beautiful but extremely wild part of the Blue Mountains when they visited the Wild Dog Mountains where they had to contend with thick bush, steep ridge descents and cold nights. All did very well.

Our thanks goes to College staff for their assistance in running these camps.

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