



# THE WAY









## BRONZE YEAR 9 DUKES GLENBROOK EXPEDITION

Year 9 Dukes went off the beaten path.

We had 31 Year 9 Dukes participants enjoy a challenging Dukes expedition off the beaten track into thick bush near Glenbrook in the Blue Mountains recently.

This walk really tested accurate navigation and bush skills and it was encouraging seeing the confidence grow amongst the groups. By the end of the camp students could navigate quite well by themselves. Students showed that they have improved in their group support and care skills and have begun to notice more important details of the vegetation, birds and animals that are a part of the beautiful Blue Mountains environment.

Thanks to all the staff who made the sacrifice of time and effort to assist on this camp. With their help the camp was well served with advice, example and care.

It is encouraging to see so many students learning to get themselves properly organised for expedition. It is important now that they apply themselves to their skill, sport and service activities in other parts of the award as they move towards completing their Bronze Level. Information about how to do this will be shared next term but the website is a good place to start.

For now, students are encouraged to continue to safely explore the great outdoors. Have a wonderful vacation in this glorious spring weather.

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