

Colo Bulletin

9 Colo 6

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High Ropes Course

The Ropes Course at Colo definitely pushed me outside of my comfort zone. Activities such as the 'Giants Ladder' and the 'Leap of Faith' stretched me and I definitely needed some help and encouragement from friends.

I was surprised by Nicholas Jackson's ability to climb the 'Giants Ladder' and the help that he gave me. Because of the help that we gave each other we were both able to make it to the top of the ladder.

The 'Leap of Faith' was also a challenge but with the encouragement of others I was able to do it.

I found that everybody at the Ropes Course was keen to help out belaying and giving encouragement and advice to others around them.

By Lachlan McGrath



Top Right: 9 Colo 6 getting stuck in at the Ropes Course

Top Left: Daniel O'Brien, George Burns and Aiden O'Farrell making a team effort at 'Crate Stack'

Middle Left: Lucas Andrews and Max Klapdor heading up the 'Giants Ladder'

Left: Nicholas Jackson belaying the 'Leap of Faith'



Lucas Andrews and Aidan O'Farrell at the top of the long climbs



Lucas Andrews belaying



Hugh Bokenham

Rock Climbing

Tackling Colo's Cliffs

Rock climbing was quite fun and at some points challenging. My favorite climbing site was 'Yellow Streak' because the climbs were small but technical.

The boys in my group all pushed themselves and managed to reach the top of all the climbs. When boys were climbing, the boys below gave good advice on how to complete each climb.

Everyone was keen to try their hand at the belaying, and we all made sure the boys got up and down safely.

By Nicholas Jackson



Aidan O'Farrell climbing

Cooking On Fires

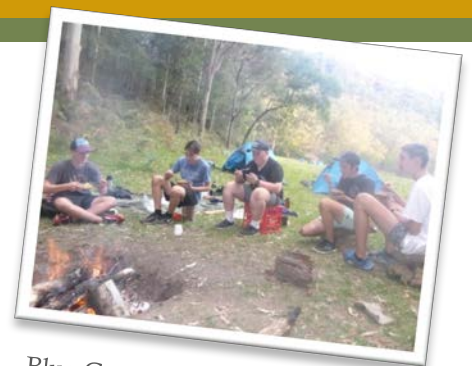
Cooking on fire was really enjoyable and also challenging in some ways. The first night we had to cook the famous 'Colo Burgers' on Colo fires. The food was great due to the fact that we could cook it ourselves.

There were some difficult parts to cooking on fires – the first was getting the fires started as Mr. Bryant issued us the Two Match Challenge. This is the challenge where you have two light the fire with only two matches. Some groups got it done in one match while

others got it done in four matches.

The things that changed the way we cooked our food was the height of the fires and the heat that we had in the fires. This affected us because if we left the burgers on the fire for too long it would burn and some groups had burnt Colo Burgers.

By Aidan O'Farrell



Blue Group enjoying dinner around the fire

Photos from our Colo experience canoeing, mountain biking, and our overnight expedition



Anthony Tassone surveys the Colo River



Lachlan McGrath



Getting shoes back on after crossing the Colo River



Lachlan McGrath and James Flett racing along Bunny Run



A well-earned lunch break on the way to the camp site



Matthew O'Malley, Francesco Calabro and Hugh Bokenham hike along the Colo River



Max Klapdor and Lucas Andrews Canoe the Colo River

What the Students of 9 Colo 6 said about their experiences at camp

At the end of each camp the students reflect on their experiences at camp in a brief written review. Here are some of their comments:



Above Left: Crossing the Colo River

Bottom Left: Stopping for a break on the way on the campsite

'I felt that I was more mature this week than usual and more encouraging.'

'I tried to be friendly to different people.'

'The highlight of this week was cooking on fires. It was just good and different.'

'We went well with the expedition. We were positive and always had fun. We could have prioritized some things that were more important.'

'I tried to be as nice as possible. I helped to fill up the water bags.'

'The ropes course and seeing the stars when we camped out were the highlights for me.'

'I accomplished a large trek and I thought I wouldn't.'

'I extended my comfort zone with heights and bike riding.'

'Hanging around the fire with the boys was a highlight.'

'The highlight of the week was probably the canoeing. The reason was that I was with my mates and it was pretty cruisy.'

'Always think positive and think about the consequences of your actions.'

'Walking to the campsite was hard but rewarding.'

'Our group was good on the expedition. Everyone chipped in.'

'The campout was the best one I have done at Colo because of the location and organisation'

'Riding up the hill on the mountain bike was challenging. I had to set a goal and keep peddling.'

'I helped others when they were struggling.'

'I tried to encourage others as much as possible.'

'At some points it was hard to make 'Above The Line' choices.'

'I hung out with people that I don't normally talk to.'



Heading off for an adventure to the campsite