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Information Pack

Gold Residential



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Welcome to Barrington Outdoor Education

Thank you for choosing Barrington Outdoor Education (BOE) to facilitate your Gold Residential journey, we look forward to an exciting and rewarding adventure with you!

Within this pack, you will find answers to all of the questions buzzing around your head, as well as a series of step-by-step instructions on what information is required from you and when. We will also provide you with many documents for your use and reference. We ask that you find the time to read this information pack as it will save you time and angst in the long term.

We hope that the contained information will provide you with clear expectations of the process involved in enjoying a Duke of Edinburgh Residential with us.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards,

The BOE Team



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Program Overview

Participants will experience a 5 day residential project within the Barrington area focused on river bank restoration guided by an experienced and qualified instructor/assessor. Each morning they will work on their restoration project and each afternoon they will participate in a fun activity to reward their hard work.

They will be camping at The Steps Barrington (www.thestepsbarrington.com.au), with toilets and hot showers. They will be transported by BOE vehicles to and from the various activities. Exact itineraries may vary with weather conditions and river levels but an example of what we expect is provided below.

Participants will not need a hiking pack, but will need a day pack to carry;

- Water
- Snacks
- Sunscreen
- Personal medication
- Wet weather clothing

Barrington Outdoor Education provides all cooking equipment and food for this journey.

Itinerary



Day 1

- 11:38 AM** Pick up from Gloucester Train Station – northbound and transport to The Steps
- 12:15 AM** Meet and greet at The Steps (arrival time for those travelling by car)
- 1:00 PM** Lunch and program briefing
- 2:30 PM** Set up camp
- 3:30 PM** Bush walk exploration
- 5:30 PM** Dinner
- 7:30 PM** Campfire games

Day 2

- 7:30 AM** Rise and shine, breakfast
- 8:30 AM** Introduction to river restoration and weed removal
- 12:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:30 PM** Mountain biking safety brief and basic skills
- 2:00 PM** Trail riding
- 4:00 PM** Pump track
- 5:30 PM** Dinner
- 7:30 PM** Eco spotlighting at The Steps

Day 3

- 7:30 AM** Rise and shine, breakfast
- 8:30 AM** Weed removal session
- 12:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:00 PM** White water activity
- 5:30 AM** Dinner
- 7:30 AM** Campfire games

Day 4

- 7:30 AM** Rise and shine, breakfast
- 8:30 AM** Tree planting session
- 12:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:30 PM** Free Time – swimming/games
- 5:30 PM** Dinner
- 7:30 PM** Star gazing

Day 5

- 7:30 AM** Rise and shine, breakfast
- 8:30 AM** Finalise river restoration project
- 11:00 AM** Pack up camp
- 12:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:00 PM** Put camping gear and equipment away
- 2:00 PM** Debrief, completion of diaries and assessor reports
- 3:00 PM** Program finish, transport to Gloucester train station (for those travelling by train)
- 3:44 PM** Train departs Gloucester Train station - southbound

*Itinerary may change depending on weather conditions and group abilities

Pre Program Check List

Time Line	Tasks	Completed
Now	Complete your online booking	
	Notify your award leader that you have chosen BOE for your Residential Project	
	Read this document	
	Set up the DoE Online Record book	
	Complete your online Consent and Medical Form	
1 Week Prior to Program	Start packing	
Day of Program	Arrive at meeting point, don't forget anything important and enjoy!	

Post Program Check List

Time Line	Tasks	Completed
Once you return home	Review your participant report completed on camp to help form the basis of the Gold Residential report.	
	Create your Gold Residential Report using the Gold Residential Report template and upload to your Online Record Book.	
	Fill in the following assessor details on your report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to the details in your confirmation email.	
	Submit your Online record book to us so we can assess you and allow you to submit if through to the next stage of assessment with your award leader.	

Arrival and Departure Times

Car

Participants can be dropped off at The Steps Barrington Campground by 12:15 on the first day of the program. The address is 535 Manchester Road, Bindera, NSW, 2422. After the program, participants can be picked up from The Steps Barrington Campground (535 Manchester Road, Bindera) by 3 pm.

DO NOT follow Google or similar directions to the campsite, these will take you the shortest route but there are several river crossings, if the rivers are high you will not be able to cross.

Directions from South or East

1. Make your way to Gloucester
2. Drive 8km out of Gloucester on Thunderbolts Way, through the village of Barrington (last chance for petrol, provisions and decent mobile phone coverage)
3. Keep driving out of the village and across the Barrington River Bridge
4. After you've crossed the river, turn left in 300m, onto Barrington West Road
5. Drive 8km along Barrington West Road then turn right into Manchester Road (caution – road becomes gravel and cattle/wildlife may be on the road)
6. Drive 5km along Manchester Road, then you'll see the sign for The Steps just after the green water tank (caution – wallabies at entrance & all over the property)

Directions from West

1. Follow Scone Rd or Thunderbolts Way towards Barrington
2. Just before Barrington Bridge, turn right onto Barrington West Road
3. Drive 8km along Barrington West Road then turn right into Manchester Road (caution – road becomes gravel and cattle/wildlife may be on the road)
4. Drive 5km along Manchester Road, then you'll see the sign for The Steps just after the green water tank (caution – wallabies at entrance & all over the property)

Train (Recommended for Northbound travel only)

Participants can catch the train to Gloucester. This is a very popular method of travel, so most of our itineraries are designed with train times from Sydney or Grafton in mind.

Please ensure you arrive at Gloucester Station before 12:00pm. We suggest if you are travelling northbound you take the train arriving at Gloucester at 11:38am. Please let us know your arrival and departure times so that our BOE Staff can meet you at the station and drop you off at the station at the end of the program.

Please check train arrival times and ensure you book your tickets with Country Link through NSW [Trainlink](#). Bookings open only 30 days before the departure date.

Program Inclusions and Exclusions

Barrington Outdoor Education Provides:

- ❑ 1 x Outdoor Educator for the duration of the expedition
- ❑ Specialist activity instructors where required
- ❑ Activity equipment and safety equipment for each participant
- ❑ 1 x Troop Carrier and driver for transporting participants during the expedition
- ❑ Tent for each participant
- ❑ 4 nights camping at The Steps Barrington
- ❑ All meals for the duration of the program
- ❑ All relevant licences and permits for activity areas used
- ❑ Full logistical and emergency support for the group during the program
- ❑ Duty of care including First Aid and \$20,000,000 Public liability Insurance
- ❑ VHF communication equipment for all groups

You Provide:

- ❑ Transport to and The Steps Campground or Gloucester Train Station
- ❑ Sleeping mat
- ❑ Sleeping bag and personal effects (see Gear List for more details)
- ❑ Healthy snack food for the duration of the program
- ❑ Journal and Pen
- ❑ Personal effects and clothing as per [Gear List](#)
- ❑ Any prescribed personal medication
- ❑ Journal and Pen

Payments

Expedition costs can be found on our website: <https://www.outdooreducation.net.au/gold-residential-project.html>

Deposit

To confirm your place on this trip we require a non refundable 50% deposit of the quoted cost to be paid. Please also include a 50% deposit for any equipment you need to hire.

Final Payment

Final payments are due 7 days before the expedition.

Payment Options

Payments can be made by direct deposit, credit card or cheque.

Direct Deposits

Account Name: Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre

BSB: 082-856

Account Number: 14-275-6540

Credit Card

Payments can be made by credit card over the phone – just give us a call on (02) 6558 2093 between 9am and 5pm, Monday – Sunday.

Cancellations

In the event the gold residential is cancelled by us due to circumstances out of our control we will attempt to organise a place in an upcoming project. A refund will be offered when no upcoming residential project is suitable.

In the event the gold residential is cancelled by you due to illness or because you are unable to attend due to your own circumstances, the deposit paid can be used to secure a place in an upcoming project. No refund will be offered.

Booking Form

Complete the online Booking Form, by clicking the link below. Please complete this as soon as possible to confirm your journey. Payment options are listed above.

[Online Booking Form](#)

Catering

Fully Catered Program

Sample Menu

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Breakfast		Oats, cereals and toast	Oats, cereals and toast	Oats, cereals and toast	Oats, cereals and toast
Morning Tea		Fruit and muffins	Anzac biscuits	Seasonal Fruit	Fresh fruit and muesli bars
Lunch	Ham and salad sandwiches	Tuna and salad sandwiches	Ham and salad wraps	Tuna and salad wraps	Ham and salad sandwiches
Afternoon Tea	Fresh fruit and muesli bars	Cream cheese and biscuits	Hommus and crudités	Fresh fruit and muesli bars	
Dinner	Kangaroo Spaghetti Bolognaise	Campfire Pizza	Vegetarian Fajita Wraps	Hamburgers	
Supper	Biscuits and Milo	Chocolate bananas	Chocolate cake	BBQ'ed Fruit	

** Please advise us of any special dietary requirements or allergies via your medical form.

Participant Code of Conduct

All participants are required to abide by a code of conduct while on the project.

Failure to follow this code may result in being returned home early, at the parent's/guardian's expense.

Code of Conduct

- Respect yourself and others - harassment, bullying, physical or verbal assault will not be tolerated,
- Behave appropriately - ensure your actions and words support learning and teaching,
- Adhere to Health and Safety requirements,
- Respect the property of Barrington Outdoor Education - do not damage or remove property,
- BOE does not allow illegal drugs, alcohol or anyone under their influence on our programs,
- BOE requires people who take medication to list this on their medical form

Assessor and Supervisor

The Dukes Office prefers the Award Leader at school to be the Assessor and Barrington Outdoor Education to be the Supervisor. Our Supervisor will provide your Award Leader with written confirmation that you have successfully completed the project. However, if your Award Leader is not available to assess, please let us know and we will provide you with details of our staff as an Assessor.

Health and Safety

- We are a fully accredited operator with an enviable safety record and all our guides are first aid qualified, with many also holding wilderness first aid certificates. Barrington Outdoor Education operates at the highest standards of care with strict ratios for all activities. All of our guides and instructors are fully qualified and have extensive experience in Australia and around the world.
- All our staff have current NSW Working With Children's Checks (WWCC). All our staff have agreed to the Duke of Edinburgh Code of Conduct.
- With the serious nature of COVID-19, we now ask that participants bring and wear face masks when unable to physically distance and to pack hand sanitiser with the rest of their gear. If you are unwell or have any COVID-19 symptoms in the week leading up to the project please do not attend and contact us immediately.
- We have extensive risk assessments for all of our activities. For more information on our Risk Management please click on the below link which will take you to our Risk Management information.

[Risk Management](#)

Important Notes

Travelling around the area

Roads to and from our campground are windy with many also unsealed. If you suffer from motion sickness, please arrange medication for your personal comfort.

Water

BOE will supply clean drinking water for the length of the program. This water may be from the town supply, or may be treated with chemicals or filters.

Weather

Please be aware that weather conditions can drastically change overnight. Occasionally we can get snow in the Barrington Tops and 30 degree temperatures down at base in the same week. Please be aware of this when packing for camp. You never know when those extra layers or a sunhat may come in handy.

For the most relevant weather forecast, please see:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/places/nsw/bindera/>

Communications

Although most of the area we operate in is out of range for cell service, we have our own radio network that allows constant communication for our outdoor education groups while they are on program. The group can contact our office, so they are never too far from assistance should it be required.

Anaphylaxis

All participants who have a diagnosed allergy which requires a prescribed adrenalin auto-injector (epi-pen or anapen) must bring the injector on camp, and carry it with them at all times to be allowed to participate in activities. Any participant who forgets their pen will not be allowed to remain on camp.

Physical Training

Participants are encouraged to start some sort of journey related physical training prior to their trip. Examples may include:

- Walking in hiking boots to break them in is a great combo of fitness and equipment preparation.
- Using a rowing machine to assist with upper body strength and endurance needed.
- Push bike riding on a mountain bike is a great combo of fitness and equipment preparation.

Medical and Consent Forms

Complete the online Consent and Medical Form, by clicking the link below. Please ensure this is done 14 days prior to the start of the expedition.

[Online Consent and Medical Form](#)

Gear List

Please note that one of the purposes of camp is to allow students to learn about themselves by testing them beyond their comfort zone. Having the correct equipment allows them to get the full experience without making it too demanding. The correct equipment also adds to their personal safety and comfort.

It is important to remember that at times participants may experience adverse weather conditions with little shelter and may also be required to carry all their equipment. For this reason, participants are advised to closely follow the equipment guidelines and refrain from packing excess or inappropriate equipment.

It is essential that participants have the appropriate gear in order to keep them safe and healthy whilst on camp. Choosing not to bring items on this list can expose students to severe sunburn, hypothermia, hyperthermia, scratches and infection, gastro and muscle strain.

[Sun Safe Policy](#)

We understand that outdoor gear can be expensive. We recommend borrowing gear when available.

Please note that if a participant arrives on camp without the necessary gear to keep them safe and healthy, Barrington Outdoor Education will provide the necessary gear and the cost will be charged to parents. Alternatively, you may be asked to collect your child from camp.

Tips:

- Label all your equipment with your name and Phone No.
- When packing always think of lightweight materials that take up less space
- Bring gear to camp in backpacks or soft bags, suitcases are not appropriate
- While on activity, cotton makes you colder on cold days and hotter on hot days, thermals or synthetic clothing will make you more comfortable.
- Your equipment will be checked on the first day of the program; any unwanted materials will be stored and returned at the end of program.

Banned List:

Cigarettes, iPods, pocket knives, alcohol, drugs, tablets, flip flops, make up or gum.

Equipment Item	Explanation
Face Masks	<input type="checkbox"/> NSW Health strongly recommends people wear a mask when unable to physically distance.
1 Pair of Shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Knee length shorts
2 Long-sleeve shirts with collars	<input type="checkbox"/> Shirts that will protect you from the sun – see Sun Safe Policy
Camera (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dry bags or plastic/garbage bags	<input type="checkbox"/> Essential to keep dry gear protected from rain, water or wet gear inside your bag
Dry Clothes for Campsite: Tracksuit pants, T shirt, jumper etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Wool or fleece
Insect Repellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Suitable for mosquitoes, midges and ticks
Jumper / Wind Stopper	<input type="checkbox"/> Woollen or fleece
Light weight pants	<input type="checkbox"/> Pants that will protect you from the sun – see Sun Safe Policy
Meal Utensils: light weight bowl, knife, fork, spoon, mug, plate + tea towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight and compact (do not bring disposable items)
Personal First Aid Kit: Band Aids, Personal Medication, Tweezers, Strapping Tape, Blister Treatment, Hand Sanitiser	<input type="checkbox"/> Bring items listed in a waterproof bag
Raincoat ¾ length	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof, breathable fabrics and adjustable hood
Runners	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes for non-water activities
Sleeping bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight, compact bag, with degree rating relevant to expected overnight minimum temperature or combine a liner with a cooler bag
Sleeping mat	<input type="checkbox"/> A small mat that offers some comfort but is easily transported
Small Day Pack	<input type="checkbox"/> To carry water, lunch, snacks, sunscreen, wet weather gear and personal medication
Some snack food	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snack food (no nuts) – please do not bring large quantities of sugary snacks, they will be removed and returned to you at the end of camp
Sun Hat	<input type="checkbox"/> Bucket hat or legionnaires style hat in line with sun safe policy
Sunglasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun glasses will protect eyes from the sun – see Sun Safe Policy
Sunglasses strap	<input type="checkbox"/> A strap will keep your glasses safe when on activity
Sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof, min. 30+ sunscreen

Thermals - top and pants	<input type="checkbox"/> Min. one set of woollen or polypropylene thermals (an extra pair if wet weather is predicted)
Toilet Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Some toilet paper in a clip lock bag in case you need to go when activity away from toilets
Toiletries: Toothbrush + paste, soap, deodorant and hair ties. Hairbrush (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed supplies, if expedition camping soap may not be required
Torch & spare Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> Head torch is preferred as it allows you to keep your hands free when cooking etc
Towel or Chamois	<input type="checkbox"/> Compact microfiber towel or small regular towel
Underwear & socks	<input type="checkbox"/> One pair for each day and a spare pair. Comfortable underwear that won't chafe or rub
Warm Hat/ Beanie	<input type="checkbox"/> Thick wool or fleece
Water Bottles - 3 x 1 litre	<input type="checkbox"/> It is essential that you have min. 3L water carrying capacity
Waterproof Over pants	<input type="checkbox"/> If wet weather is predicted, waterproof over pants will keep you dry and warm to prevent hypothermia
Gaiters (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> If you are planning to hike in shorts, gaiters will protect your legs from scratches and animals
Walking Boots	<input type="checkbox"/> Must be broken in, depending on the length of the hike, sturdy runners may suffice
Armour (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have your own armour, bring it
Bike gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike gloves will protect your hands from the sun and grazes
Helmet (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have your own helmet that you would like to bring, do so.
Swimmers, board shorts, rash shirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve rash shirt with neck, board shorts that cover thighs in line with sun safe policy
Wetsuit (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have your own wetsuit that you would like to bring, do so, otherwise BOE will supply when needed
Wetsuit booties or joggers to get wet	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes that you are happy to get wet that have good grip on the bottom and will stay on your feet in moving water
Garden Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> Essential gear for river restoration!!

Conditions of Booking

Terms and conditions of hire referred to in Booking Form from Barrington Outdoor Education.

OWNERSHIP AND CONDITION

1. The Hirer acknowledges that the equipment (which shall include all fittings accessories and ancillary equipment taken by the Hirer or part of them whether listed on the front of this form or not) is the property of the Owner and that the Hirer has received them in good order and condition.

COLLECTION AND RETURN

2. Trading Hours are 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. Weekends and Public Holidays by appointment. When possible and at the discretion of Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre the period shall include at no charge a half day for pick-up and a half day for return. Trading Hours to and from 12.00 noon represent the half day. Hire goods collected before and returned after 12.00 noon will be charged for as a full day at the current appropriate rate.

DETERMINATION OF HIRING BY HIRER

3. The hirer may determine the hiring at any time by giving notice in writing to the owner at its address for the time being and by returning the said equipment to the Owners at the hire's own risk and expense to such address and shall thereupon pay to the Owner all moneys then payable to it under this agreement.

INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY

4. The Hirer's attention is drawn to the Trade Practices Act 1974 and to any other relevant State legislation which gives Hirer's certain rights against suppliers being those rights which cannot be excluded restricted or negative. Nothing in these terms condition shall be construed to exclude, restrict or modify such rights.

(a) The Hirer shall be liable for and shall pay to the owner on demand the costs of repair and / or replacement for all damage to equipment howsoever caused or for the loss or destruction of equipment as herein set out.

(b) The Hirer shall be responsible for all risks of or in connection with the use of the equipment including risks to the third parties or there property and the Hirer hereby indemnifies the Owner against any claim action suit or charge or sums payable which maybe claimed incurred or paid by reason of the condition of the equipment and the possession and use of the equipment by the hirer or anyone claiming under him or using the equipment with or without the Hirer's permission and the Hirer hereby releases the owner of any loss claim action suits or damage by the Hirer or any other person pursuant to this agreement.

(c) The owner is hereby excluded from any liability or responsibility for the safety or suitability or the equipment for the purposes fro which the Hirer intends to use it and any warranty express or implied as to the suitability of the equipment for intended use of the hirer is hereby expressly negative and the Owner shall not be liable to the Hirer for any loss or damage or delay caused through any defect or breakdown or accident or by reason of the equipment being unsuitable for the purpose of the Hirer.

PAYMENT

5. The Hirer agrees to pay all monies due to the Owner on demand or on return of the equipment whichever shall be the sooner in accordance with the Owner's schedule of current rates of hire and all other moneys payable be the Hirer under or by virtue of this agreement.

(a) In the event of the hirer failing on or before the expiration of the period to return the equipment in good and serviceable condition to the Owner at the place from which it was collected or other places nominated by the Owner, the Hirer hereby agrees to pay to the Owner on demand the costs incurred in retrieving the equipment and returning it to the place of hire.

(b) Any payments due to the Owner may be deducted from the holding deposit paid on collection of the equipment.

LOSS AND DAMAGE

6. In the event of the Hirer failing to return the equipment on or before the expiration of the hire period to the Owner in good serviceable condition and repair the Hirer agrees as follows-

(a) The Hirer shall pay to the owner such sums as are required to restore the equipment to a good and serviceable condition and the determination of the owner or its agents as to the sums required to effect such repairs and restoration shall be final provided that:

- (b) Should the equipment be in such a condition that in the opinion of the Owner or its agent it is unable to be reasonably restored to a good and service able condition the equipment shall be deemed to be destroyed and the Hirer shall pay the cost of replacing the equipment with new equipment of a similar standard and use and the Hirer agrees to pay such sums for a new equipment as are listed on the owner's schedule of replacement costs a copy of which has been handed to the Hirer the receipt whereof he hereby acknowledges provided further that:
 - (c) If the equipment or any part thereof is not returned to the owner within fourteen (14) days of the date of return and if the Owner shall not have agreed in writing to the extension of such period the equipment shall be deemed to be lost and the Hirer shall pay to the Owner on demand the replacement cost of such equipment in accordance with the Owner's schedule of replacement costs as aforesaid and it is agreed.
 - (d) That in addition to the payments for repairs or replacement which may be required pursuant to sub-clauses (a), (b) or (c) hereof the Hirer shall pay to the Owner's schedule of the amount of hire which would have been recovered by the Owner for the equipment until the date of payment of such sums for repairs or replacement.
7. In the event of any dispute as to the costs of repair or replacement pursuant to this agreement the decision of the Owner shall be final.

POSSESSION AND USE

8. The equipment may be used in any place in the Commonwealth of Australia without any condition or restriction (unless otherwise stated on the front of this form).
- (a) Possession of the equipment by the Hirer shall be that of a bailee only and the Hirer shall take reasonable and proper care thereof and precautions against the theft loss or damage to the equipment. The owner shall at all times have access to the equipment to inspect the condition thereof or for such other purpose as are necessary.
 - (b) In the event of the Hirer committing any breach of or failing to fulfill the terms of this agreement or in the event of the Hirer acting or behaving in a manner which in the opinion of the Owner or its agent may prejudicially affect the rights of the Owner or damage the equipment the Owner or its agent may without notice determine the hiring and recovery possession of the equipment and retain all sums paid to the Owner but without prejudice to any subsisting or future rights of the Owner with respect to any breach or default.

ASSIGNMENT

9. The Hirer shall not without the written consent of the owner assign or purport to assign this agreement or any of his or hers rights hereunder to any other party

CONSTRUCTION

10. This agreement shall be construed according to the law of the state of New South Wales and any action by the Hirer arising there from shall be brought only in a court of the New South Wales.

INDULGENCE NOT TO AFFECT OWNER'S RIGHTS

11. No neglect delay or indulgence on the part of the Owner in enforcing any terms or conditions of this agreement shall prejudice the strict rights of the Owner hereunder.