

INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS IGNITE CAMP PROGRAM – ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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We believe that camps provide excellent opportunities to broaden students' horizons and to develop character, out of their comfort zone.

The intention is to enrich the teaching program, beyond the classroom and to encourage higher order thinking about contentious issues.

The locations we use are Kangaroo Island, Canberra and the Flinders Ranges, but the ideas presented could be employed anywhere.

For Kangaroo Island the foci are sustainability of farming practices and tourism, local flora and fauna, diversification of industry, the history of European settlement and the significance of the War Settlement Scheme.

The emphasis in Canberra is the significance of Federation, supporting the study of the three levels of government in Australia, and excursions to places of significance in our National Capital, especially the Australian War Memorial.

The geology of the Flinders Ranges is a prime feature of this location. We ask students to *Walk in the footsteps of the Adnyamathanha and the early European settlers*. The day spent with the Adnyamathanha is always a memorable experience, a highlight being songs and stories around the camp-fire.

This workshop will provide a template for activities for students of high intellectual potential using the great outdoors as the learning environment.