



## THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

### ANNUAL CAMP 2019

#### General

1. Annual Camp represents the culmination of the year's cadet training, and will be conducted over the period 23-29 November at Nymboida. Q Store & Advance Party will depart Fri 22 November. Signals Platoon & B Coy will depart on Sat 23 November, A & C Coys on Sunday 24 November.

The risk of fire impacting TAS Cadet activities is being continually assessed, and a decision regarding amending or suspending planned cadet activities will be made when accurate weather forecasts and prevailing fire conditions are known. As a result of the prevailing fire and environmental conditions, a strict ban on possession of matches or lighters by students will be enforced at all times.

#### Outline of Activities

2. Activities to be conducted include:

Annual Camp	
<b>Activities</b>	Trekking Canoeing & Kayaking Ropes course River crossing Radio communication Search & rescue Orienteering Abseiling Mountain Biking (A Coy) Solo overnight camp (B Coy) Canyoning (B Coy) Duo overnight camp (C Coy)
<b>Location</b>	Nymboida via Grafton
<b>Timings: Depart TAS</b>	<b>Friday 22 Nov</b> Advance Party depart 1400 hrs or as directed <b>Saturday 23 Nov</b> Q Store, Signals meet at 1230hrs or as directed B Coy meets at 1230hrs <b>Sunday 24 Nov</b> A&C Coy meet at 0830hrs
<b>Return to TAS</b>	<b>Friday 29 Nov</b> Parade: 1500 hrs Dismissal: 1530 hrs

#### Attendance

3. Annual Camp is an essential component of the school's outdoor activity program and curriculum. As such, all students are required to attend and participate. Leave for these activities is only granted by application in writing to the Officer Commanding Cadets, who will coordinate requests with the Acting Headmaster.

#### Organisation

4. Cadets will work in platoon groups of up to thirty, guided by their leaders and supervised by members of staff and Nymboida Canoe Centre guides.

5. Cadets will camp in pairs in military style hootchies with their platoon, and amenities blocks will facilitate showering and washing at Camp HQ – Nymboida Canoe Centre.

6. Most meals will be prepared and consumed in platoons, with some meals cooked and served centrally at the Nymboida Canoe Centre with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.

### Dress and Equipment

7. Dress: • All cadets - DPCU uniform. See list below:

	School Issue	Cadet Provided
<b>Annual Camp</b>	<p><b>Webbing</b> (see diagram below) web belt x 1 water bottles x 2* bum pack x 1 ammo pouches x 2</p> <p><b>Back Pack</b> Hootchie x 1 DPCU Trousers x 1 DPCU Shirt x 1 DPCU Bush Hat x 1 DPCU Jumper x 1 Boots Bush x 1 Ground Sheet</p> <p>*available at TAS Clothing Store</p>	<p>Sleeping bag Knife, fork and spoon set* Kidney Cup* Mug Torch* Green thermal or cotton undershirt* Swimmers Towel (small) Socks x 2* Raincoat (poncho)* Old Gym shoes/water shoes (Dunlop Volleys or similar for canoeing &amp; canyoning) Toiletries (incl. sun cream, repellent) Change of underwear Pegs x 4 (for hootchie)* Rope/Cord x 5m or occy strap (for hootchie)* Compass* Whistle* Notebook in plastic bag* Pen* 2 x Plastic Garbage Bags (for waterproofing back pack and dirty laundry) Long sleeve shirt x 1 Jeans trousers x 1 Old Gym shoes/water shoes (Dunlop Volleys or similar for canoeing &amp; canyoning) Underwear x 5 Socks x 3 Shorts x 2 T Shirts x 2 Kit Bag Basic Sewing Kit</p>

N.B. 1 Pocket knives are not to be taken or carried by cadets. Only leaders can bring their own small folding pocket knife.

2. An additional set of DPCU/greens will be available at camp on a one for one basis.

3. Shoes are mandatory for water activities – Dunlop Volleys (or similar) should be purchased.

### What not to Take

8. Cadets are **not to bring** the following:

- **Aerosol Cans**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Matches/Lighters**
- **Other Electronic items (i.e Ipods, laptop, video games, etc)**
- **Anything valuable**
- **Lollies or soft drink**

These items will be confiscated from cadets if found in their possession on inspection.

### Medical

9. First Aid kits will be carried by each section and staff will have access to more sophisticated medical kits. Serious cases of injury or illness will be evacuated to Grafton Hospital.

10. Sister Murray will be attending Annual Camp this year and will provide the valuable medical support that she has in past years. Please be sure to notify Sister Murray of any medical problems or necessary medications that are not already known to the School.

### **Other**

11. **Discipline:** Normal School discipline applies, particularly with respect to contraband and behaviour.

12. **Haircut:** Students are to ensure they parade with appropriate length hair, Boys hair should be above the collar and ears, and cropped on top and their fringe. Girls must have their hair tied back and away from the face. This will significantly aid hygiene in the field. Please note, this is a requirement of the Australian Army Cadets and is a school expectation.

13. **Laundry at Annual Camp:** Laundry tubs are available at Camp. Cadets are expected to wash their own clothing where necessary.

14. **Weather:** November is usually hot and humid. Cadets must be prepared for this and carry an adequate supply of sun cream and insect repellent. Spring thunderstorms are also prevalent and cadets should bring an army style rain coat or can purchase a rain jacket from the TAS Clothing Store.

### **Meals and Water**

15. All cadets must carry 2 L of town or purified water and maintain a high daily fluid intake.

16. Food will be supplied via School catering and commercially purchased cadet ration packs. Please note:

*The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is unable to provide a severe food allergy free environment (such as from peanuts) in relation to the consumption of food during cadet activities. Such a risk may be life threatening for people who suffer from a severe food allergy. Parents may consider it is in their child's best interest not to allow participation of their child in the proposed activity. In the event that the child is allowed to attend a catered cadet activity, the parents may choose to provide, at their own expense, sufficient food to cover the duration of the activity.*

### **Conclusion**

17. This document is designed to give parents and students early warning, in order to provide time for planning and preparation for Annual Camp. Further details will be issued to cadets during briefings prior to the event, and any enquiries should be directed to OC Cadets Major (AAC) Angus Murray or individual company OICs LT William Caldwell (A Coy), LT Emma Channon (B Coy) or LT David Toakley (C Coy).

**Major (AAC) Angus Murray**  
**Commanding Officer TASCU**

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