

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

ANNUAL CAMP 2020

General

1. Annual Camp represents the culmination of the year's training, and will be conducted over the period 21-27 Nov at Nymboida. Q Store & Advance Party will depart Fri 20 Nov. Signals Platoon & B Coy will depart on Sat 21 Nov, A & C Coys on Sunday 22 Nov.

Outline of Activities

2. Activities to be conducted include:

Annual Camp	
Activities	Trekking Canoeing & Kayaking Ropes course River crossing Radio communication Search & rescue Orienteering Abseiling Solo over night camp (B Coy) Duo over night camp (C Coy) Canyoning (B Coy) Mountain Biking (A Coy)
Location	Nymboida River Valley & surrounding area
Timings: Depart TAS	Friday 20 Nov Advance Party depart 1400 hrs or as directed Saturday 21 Nov Q Store, Signals depart at 13.30hrs or as directed B Coy departs at 13.30hrs Sunday 22 Nov A Coy depart at 1230hrs C Coy depart at 0830hrs
Return to TAS	Friday 27 Nov Parade: 1500 hrs Dismissal: 1530 hrs

Attendance

3. TASCU 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.

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 Canoe Centre with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.

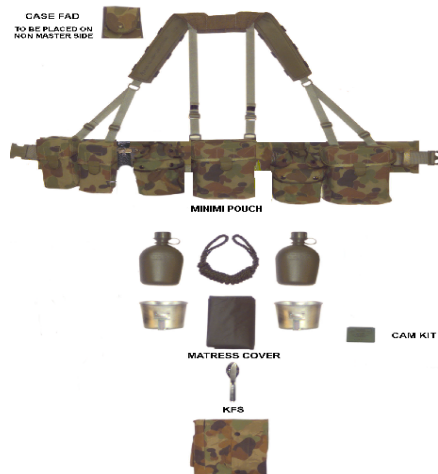
Dress and Equipment

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

	School Issue	Cadet Provided
Annual Camp	Webbing (see diagram below) web belt x 1 water bottles x 2 bum pack x 1 ammo pouches x 2	Sleeping bag Knife, fork and spoon set* Kidney Cup* Mug Torch*

	<p>Back Pack 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>Green thermal or undershirt* Swimmers & water shirt/rashie Towel (small) Rain jacket or poncho* Old Gym shoes/water shoes (Dunlop Volleys or similar for canoeing & canyoning) Toiletries (incl. roll-on sun cream & repellent)* 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 Change of underwear x 5 Socks x 3* Shorts T Shirts x 2 Kit/duffle Bag Basic Sewing Kit</p>
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- N.B. 1. Pocket knives are not to be taken or carried by cadets. Only leaders may 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 or other electronic devices**
- **Matches/Lighters (except leaders)**
- **Electronic items (i.e Ipods, laptop, etc)**
- **Anything valuable**
- **Lollies or soft drink**

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. School medical staff 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 the Medical Centre of any medical problems or medications that are not already known to the School. In particular, day students who require medication must make this known to the Medical Centre prior to departure.

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 in the Nymboida Valley 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, and any enquiries should be directed to CO Cadets, Major (AAC) Angus Murray or the relevant Company OIC as detailed below:

- A Company: LT William Caldwell
- B Company: LT Emma Channon
- C Company: LT David Toakley

Major (AAC) Angus Murray
Commanding Officer TASC

16 November 2020