

Wet and Wee Jasper

Wild Wee Jasper 2011 lived up to our high expectations! A generous community in which everyone had a place was formed, where God's love was obvious wherever you looked, where the mornings were freezing cold and the days nice and warm, and where you got to the end of the week and wondered where all the days went.

There was one big difference about camp this year – the water! Burrinjuck Dam was full for the first time in ages, which made Wee Jasper even more beautiful. We made use of the extra water and brought back Wet Scrambling in the freezing cold Micalong Creek, an activity not seen since the late 1990's. It was lots of fun, and made slightly less cold with much appreciated wetsuits. Tubing down Goodradigbee River was another popular activity, as was vertical caving.

If you are ever wondering what a great addition would be to a warm wintery soup, you could try adding some stinging nettle. Or if you are looking for a tasty new snack, try chocolate dipped crickets. Eating these were part of challenges that campers had to complete as part of Bear Grylls day, along with building their own shelter to sleep in for the night. First-class survival skills were displayed throughout the day, and the quality shelters were enjoyed that night!

It was a great group of campers, with a particularly strong group of year 12 campers who constantly impressed the leaders with their initiative, responsibility and display of leadership. Each morning we were encouraged and motivated by talks from **Jase Hayduk** who challenged us to redefine the way we think about choices – realising that when we say no, we are actually saying yes to something or someone else. Yes to something good, or yes to something bad, yes to God or yes to the devil. Each night around the campfire we heard how God has worked in the lives of leaders, but on the last night many campers bravely stood up and shared parts of their own inspiring testimonies.

Camp wouldn't be the same without good food, brought to us again by the amazing **Maurice and Jono team** who do way more than just cook food. On set up day they were caught whipping up a new cupboard for their well set-up kitchen along with the kitchen sink and drainage system they build each year, the lights they rig up, and putting together the dish-washing table and hot water system for all of camp to use.

Thank you to the leaders for their hard work, each of you did a fantastic job. Thank you to the campers who came, got involved and made camp what it was. Thank you to all the parents for trusting us with your kids for the week (sorry about the mud stained clothes and water logged shoes). And importantly, thank you for all the people who were praying for us.

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