

GET-SET GAZETTE

no.203.078 Australian Venturers Converge on Queensland for fortnight of fun

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Venturers Choose their Expedition GET – Themed by Hayden McLaren



Checked for a fortnight of FUN

NSW Contingent converged on Qantas Sydney Airport to head to the Gold Coast on Monday 1st January. It was amazing seeing everyone in their NSW shirts wondering the airport with a buzz of excitement. We arrived at the Gold Coast and headed to Baden Powell Campsite for the first night with all of the NSW kids. We got the update of the rules to be followed and then most of us headed off to the pool.

2nd day we moved to the Old Petrie Town at about 12 to meet up with all of the other kids from Get Themed. We then had dinner while we were watching the introduction to AV2018. Once it had finished we headed off to Guardian Angels Public school where we got an update that we would be sleeping in the hall because of all the rain.

Wed 3rd Jan we were headed for Sea World. I made friends with people in Victoria to join them on rides and watch the affinity and the polar bears look for shade because of the heat. My favourite part of the day was seeing the jet skis do tricks and stunts which was really cool.

Thu 4th Jan time to get my swimmers out and get Wet N Wild. I joined the Victorians for yesterday to enjoy a day of sun, rides, food and fun whilst meeting people from ACT who also joined us on the rides. My Favourite part of the day was meeting new friends and just enjoying Queensland's weather.

Fri 5th Jan - I decided to hang with ACT'ers. We went shopping in the mall of Surfers Paradise where it was 20°C colder than outside. We went to the coffee club for lunch and we visited all the surfer shops that were up for offer for us excited Vennies with our pockets full. My favourite part of the day was the cold in the mall and just chillin' and having fun.

Sat 6th Jan - Movie World was a blast with many rides and movie set attractions which were cool to look at. While I was there I bought a fast track which was a great help to skip 2hour line ups. In total I went on the 36 rides from 9:00 till 3:00 and I went on the new DC Rivals Hyper-coaster 13 times which had a lineup of 2 hours. My favourite part of the day was getting a photo with Superman and skipping the line on all of the rides.

Sun 7th Jan was a very busy day of packing up our tents, cleaning up the school and washing the chairs and tables. Once we had finished cleaning we waited till our bus arrived which took us to Camp Warrawee. We set up camp for week 2 and went up to the arena for Opening Ceremony which was fun and was full of excitement.

Mon 8th Jan I was Off-site at get armed which left at 8:30. We arrived at Baden Powell Campsite and got split up in to 3 groups. My group went to laser tag first which was great fun. Next was Geocaching which wasn't as good as the others. Then we had lunch and off to archery which was heaps of fun. Once all of the groups were done we went to the pool. Now on the bus back to camp for a Glow Party which was amazing.

Tue 9th Jan I was Onsite and I just sat in the chill-zone with Ashleigh. Once our phones had charged we headed off to the pool until others arrived back from Offsite activities and then we got changed for Beach night which was a blast.

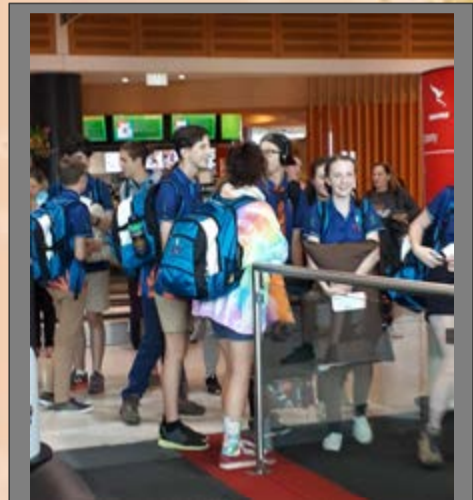
Wed 10th Jan I was back Offsite again but this time I went to Get Active which also left at 8:30. We first went to a place called bounce which was a giant industrial building with trampolines. We then left bounce and headed for the ice rink which we spent 3 hours at which got boring after a while. Then we headed back to site where we got changed for white night.

Thu 11th Jan Onsite again today except I was with Ashleigh, Gabe, Sophie, Tista and Koki and we spent the day at the pool which was fun. Then once the others offsite came back we got changed into our rock gear.

Fri 12th Jan everyone was onsite and we went to Old Petrie Town for a carnival day which was really fun and we all had a ball going to jumping castle water slides and many more for the day. Once we got back we cleaned our tents and packed them up because we had an early morning the next day. Once we had done that we left our sleeping bags and pillows out to sleep that night. We headed off to closing ceremony which was the best party of them all. I got a photo of us all and got ready to leave the next day and said most of my good byes then.

Last day Sat 13th Jan I woke up to having to quickly pack up my stuff say bye to my new Venturer friends from other states and be on the bus at 6:30am for a 9:45 plane back to home sweet home NSW.

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NSW lined up for boarding



BATMAN is cruising the park



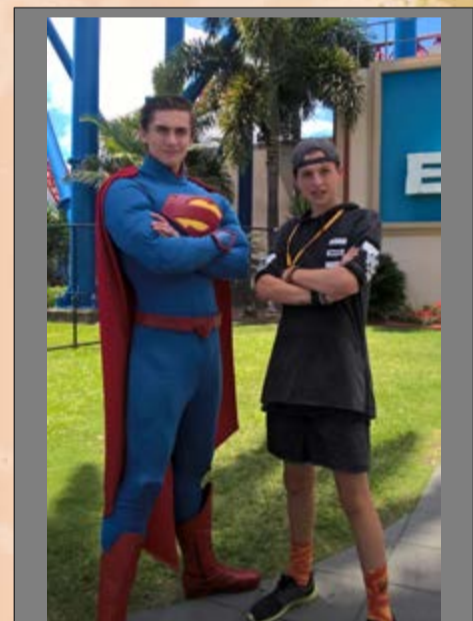
The Gold Coast – BEACH day



Get Themed Units



Polar bear at SeaWorld



Hayden takes on SUPERMAN



A lizard hiding for cover at GET ARMED

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