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### Melton Christian College Year 8 Eildon Wanggai Equipment

#### **HANDY HINTS:**

- All equipment and clothing should be compact, lightweight and quick drying (lightweight sports / hiking clothes are great)
- Don't bring cotton clothing (or jeans). These materials don't retain body heat if wet (especially in cold climates) and takes a long time to dry.
- The layer principal for clothing is important, dress in a number of thin layers rather than a couple of bulky layers.
- Space is limited. Only bring the essentials we have listed. \* NO AEROSOLS \*NO NUTS (OEG is a Nut free provider)\*
- Check the weather forecast a few days before coming on program, especially the night-time temperature. Pack accordingly.
- OEG in partnership with Australian outdoor brand One Planet have great discounts on outdoor clothing & equipment you can buy for this program. You can access this website at the bottom of your school portal home page. Click on the box labeled 'One Planet Gear'. You can even get the items home delivered!

#### **Clothing**

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Sturdy shoes for hiking	Should be worn in and have good grip	
1	Comfortable shoes for around camp	Must be closed toe, no thongs or slippers	
1 per day	Socks		
1 per day	Underwear		
1	Thermals	Wool or Synthetic to retain body heat even if they get wet. No cotton.	
2	Long pants	Synthetic are best, zip off cargo pants are useful. No jeans, as they won't dry if wet	
1	Lightweight Shorts	No short shorts as they need to protect you from chaffing	
1	Long Sleeved Shirts with collar	Synthetic and lightweight for sun protection & protects arms while riding	
1	Short Sleeved Top with collar	Sports shirts are great	
2	Fleece or Wool jumper/puffer jacket	Go for warmth, not fashion. No cotton	
1	Sun Hat	Broad brim for sun protection (when not riding)	
Optional	PJ's	Best to be shorts & shirt you have already packed to minimise clothes	

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### **Equipment**

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Sleeping Bag	Synthetic or Down filling. Comfort rating to ZERO degrees or below. Make sure you practice stuffing the sleeping bag into its case before you come on program	
1	Pillowcase	To stuff clothing into for a pillow	
2	Orange "Multix" Brand Garbage Bags	For waterproofing inside your hiking pack	
2	Green or black garbage bags	For garbage/dirty clothes	
1	Strong fork & spoon ONLY		
1	Strong plastic/metal bowl and mug	You will be cooking dinner outside in small groups	
1	Tea towel	For drying your personal eating equipment	
1	Cleaning sponge	For cleaning your personal eating equipment	
1	"Scotchbrite" scourers	For cleaning your cooking equipment	
1	Head torch	LED head torch are brighter and lightweight. Red light is best for nighttime	
1	Sunglasses (old)		

#### **Food**

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Morning Snack & Lunch for Day 1 – No nuts	Lunch will be had in the bush- limit packaging as you will carry all garbage with you	
2	Water bottles	Minimal 1 litre capacity each bottle (you will pack each bottle in different parts of your hike pack to balance the weight)	
	Trail Mix (no nuts)	e.g. Dried fruit, smarties, seeds, pretzels. Portioned into individual days is useful. No nuts.	

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#### **Personal Items**

Quantity	Item		Check
1	Roll of toilet paper	Double bagged in two snaplock bags	
1	Toothbrush & paste, soap, deodorant	Non-electric toothbrush. Roll on deodorant only *no aerosols*	
1	Personal 1st aid supplies (for medication- see below)	e.g. asthma pump and spacer, bandaids (for cuts or blisters), roller bandage/ strapping tape if you require it	
1	Sunscreen, zinc, lip balm	SPF 30+ and above	
1	Insect Repellent	Repellent (20% DEET is good) no aerosols- roll on or cream	
	Labelled personal medications (incl. paracetemol and ibuprofen)	To be given to teachers with a signed "Authority to Administer Medication" form from parents/ doctor regarding administration. This includes over the counter medications.	
	Feminine hygiene – pads & tampons and hand wipes	Be prepared just in case. Waterproof items in a snaplock bag. Small paper bags work well for disposal.	

#### **OEG** will provide the following:

- · Tents and Tarp and sleeping mat
- Waterproof pants and jacket
- Lightweight stoves and Fuel
- Maps and Compasses
- All specialist safety equipment
- Group first aid kit
- Backpacks
- Activity Equipment
- Food (as indicated on the program outline)

#### **Do Not Bring:**

- Any items that are against normal school rules eg chewing gum
- Electronics / phones / smartwatches
- Expensive or sentimental jewellery
- Money
- Knives of any description