













# Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc.

## INITIATIVE GAMES


### Initiative Game Locations

-  The Imagination Trail
-  The Blackwood Recreation Reserve

### Initiative Game Descriptions

-  Initiative Games are a variety of fun activities challenging students to:-
  -  Have Fun
  -  Laugh
  -  Play
  -  Discover
  -  Learn
-  Initiative Games also challenge students to further develop:
  -  Friendships
  -  Teamwork
  -  Communication
  -  Leadership Skills
  -  Initiative Skills

### Age Suitability









-  12 - 18 year olds.

### Staff Ratio

**(Remember Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff cannot be considered as part of your Staff : Student Ratio at any stage during your Blackwood Experience.)**

-  1:10 - leaders/teachers/adults to campers (a minimum of 2 Visiting Staff must accompany Initiative Games)

### Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff Experience

-  Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff have previous experience in preparing, implementing, leading and reviewing Initiative Games.
-  They are confident of their own experience & ability to safely implement Initiative Games.
-  Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff have experience in Initiative Games.
-  Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff are aware of the intricacies involved in implementing the Initiative Games including, but not limited to:-
  -  Equipment required
  -  Students causing problems during the activity
  -  Risk Management & Emergency Procedures
-  All other Logistical requirements for Initiative Games.

### Group Leaders Experience

-  Must have previous experience in supervising groups in outdoor recreation activities.

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## Student Participant Experience

- Ability & Willingness to safely be involved in Initiative Games.
- Awareness of others and safety guidelines relating to Initiative Games.

## Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Responsibilities

- To ensure the Activity is appropriate for the age, ability & experience of the visiting students.
- To safely & confidently implement Initiative Games.
- Take responsibility for the technical and related safety of participants engaged in the activity.
- Confirming Weather conditions with Group Leaders prior to preparing the Initiative Games.
- Briefing participants about the nature and purpose of the activity, about potential hazards and appropriate safety procedures and instructions to be followed.

## Group Leaders Responsibilities

- The Group Leader will be responsible for the supervision and behaviour of campers on the activity, at all times and for first aid.
- Assessing first aid requirements, identifying campers at risk  
e.g. asthma and appointing the first aider
- Informing other Visiting Staff of their roles in the behaviour, supervision and instruction of campers.
- Monitoring the welfare and fitness of Campers and other Visiting Staff.
- Checking the suitability of clothing and equipment carried by Campers and other Visiting Staff.
- Undertaking a head count prior to, during and after the Initiative Game Activities.
- Implementing sun safe strategies for all Campers & Visiting Staff.
- Recording all incidents - including near misses - on the Incident Notification Form and / or patient Care Report and advising the Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre inc. Staff and their School Principals.
- Assuming all Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff Responsibilities - as listed above - if leading the Activity without Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff support.

## Visiting Staff Responsibilities

- To carry out tasks as directed by the Group Leader and / or Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff.
- These may include - but are not limited to:-
  - Monitoring the welfare and fitness of campers;
  - Assisting the Group Leader and Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff;
  - First aid responsibility;
  - The supervision and behaviour of campers; and
  - Adhering to the safety rules.

## Participant Responsibilities

- Adhering to the safety rules and directions of:-
  - Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. Staff
  - Group Leader
  - Visiting Staff

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## Safety Equipment, Inventory & Clothing Requirements

Blackwood Staff	Group Leader	Visiting Staff	Participants
Games Equipment	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Kit	Sunscreen	Hats
Domes & Markers	All Medical Details	Snacks	Appropriate Clothing
Whistle	Water	Water	Water
Safety Briefing	Appropriate Clothing	Appropriate Clothing	Solid Footwear
<b>Everyone should wear solid footwear at all times eg. sandals/runner's</b> <b>- Thongs, Sandals &amp; Gumboots are NOT appropriate</b>			

### First Aid Requirements

- The Group Leader **MUST** carry a first aid kit at all times.
- There **MUST** be a qualified first aider within the visiting staff - not necessarily the Group Leader.
- Insect repellent and stingoes is a good idea.

### Safety Briefing & Emergency Response

- Have FUN
- DO NOT Run
- DO NOT disturb others who are engaged in the Activity
- IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION EVERYONE MUST STOP AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF BLACKWOOD SPECIAL SCHOOLS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE Inc. STAFF / GROUP LEADER / EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Activity Notes

- Anyone Leading Initiative Games through Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc **MUST BE:-**
  - Familiar with Initiative Games
  - Familiar with the Initiative Games Activity Safety Briefing
  - Familiar with Emergency & Risk Management Plans
  - Currently 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Level 2 Qualified
- The Initiative Games used through this Program vary on a day - to - day basis and are derived primarily from:-
  - Project Adventure Books & Resources
- Everyone **MUST BE** checked to ensure they have appropriate gear for Initiative Games
- Constantly check the health and wellbeing of all members of the group

### Environmental Considerations

- Groups **MUST** implement Minimal Impact Practices throughout every Initiative Game Program
- These include but are not limited to:-
  - If you carried it in, you carry it out
  - Don't feed or leave food for the animals
  - Leave the Initiative Games Area better than you found it
  - Always walk on the tracks and established paths
- Keep the noise to a minimum

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