

# Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre

## 'Combo' Itinerary – Australian Bushcraft, Survivor Skills and Heritage Themed Activities

5 Days / 4 Nights from \$260\* per student

The 'Combo' itinerary provided is an example of some of the popular activities undertaken by schools that visit Wanpa-rda to experience a broad spectrum of what the Outback has to offer; one of our many camp itineraries which can be selected based on theme or tailored to suit. Included in this itinerary are some of the 'Survivor' activities on offer that provide a fundamental base for those interested in **Australian Bushcraft** and **Survival skills**. Heritage themed activities are also present on the itinerary – just a small sample of some of the rich Heritage themed activities and locations which can be experienced on a **Wanpa-rda camp**. And what educational camp would be complete without archery, teambuilding activities and a campfire nurtured from the friction of two sticks, enjoying toasted marshmallows whilst students reflect on their Outback visit to **Australia's Biggest Classroom!**

### Day 1 – Your school to Barcaldine

- Highlights:** ● Teambuilding/leadership session facilitated by the Education Officer at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre.
- Morning:** Arriving by coach? Why not stop in and visit one of the attractions and places of educational significance en-route to "Wanpa-rda Matilda". Discuss your options with our onsite Education Officer.
- Afternoon:** Arrive at Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre to be greeted by the Education Officer who will welcome you to Barcaldine. You and your students will have time to settle into your dormitory style accommodation, unpack, have showers and a bit of free time to relax after your big drive.
- Evening:** Dinner and dessert is included for students and teachers. Tonight, the Education Officer will facilitate a team building/leadership session where the students will take part in a variety of activities that will require them to actively practise participating, sharing, helping, listening, respecting, questioning and persuading.
- Overnight at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre.

### Day 2 – Barcaldine

- Highlights:** ● Australian Workers Heritage Centre ● Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre  
● Archery ● Radio Theatre – old style cinema with canvas chairs – movie showing  
● Artesian water and location survivor activities including trap making and signalling
- Morning /Afternoon:** Today you and your students will embark on a full day Location Survivor activity with an all day meal package included for students and teachers.
- Students will have the opportunity to take part in one of the Outback's favourite activities, 'crawchie catching'. In a survival situation you probably don't have your equipment on hand, so students will learn about the crawchies' habits along with their habitats to maximise their chances of success. Using only the crude materials provided, students must use their knowledge, creativity and team work to design and construct a trap. Students will then select a location within the artesian bore fed billabong in the beautiful ground of the Australian Workers Heritage Centre where the traps will be left to work for them. Returning at the end of the day, students will then take detailed field notes on the crawchies caught, before releasing them. A discussion will then follow regarding the successes and areas of improvement in terms of trap design and construction.
- A survival situation can occur to even the most organised group or individual. When you find yourself in a survival situation the right decisions may save you and the wrong decisions may be your last! After learning the precautions one should take to avoid a survival situation, students are then given an information session detailing the actions they should take in order to provide their best chances of being located. The information session is followed by a fun, hands on activity where students learn the basic techniques of signalling through reflected light. Today's activities will also include archery.
- Evening:** Tonight after dinner and dessert, you will make your way to the Barcaldine Radio theatre – an old-style movie theatre located a short walk from the Centre. Enjoy a private screening of a recent release movie in a beautiful old hall while sitting in old style canvas seats.

### Day 3 – Barcaldine and a day trip to Longreach

- Journey:** Barcaldine to Longreach .....approx 107km / 1 ¼ hours  
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**Highlights:** • Longreach School of Distance Education • Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame  
• Qantas Founders Museum

**Morning /Afternoon:** You simply can't visit Outback Queensland without visiting the famous Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum. Today we will be taking a day trip to Longreach to visit these famous educational monuments. All day meal packages are provided by Wanpa-rda. While you're there, you and your students will find out how kids in Queensland's most remote regions take advantage of technology to receive a holistic education through the School of the Air by taking a guided tour of the Longreach Distance Education Centre.

**Evening:** After today's big adventure, tonight will be a quiet movie night at the centre – or perhaps you would like to organise some night time activities for the students.

## Day 4 – Barcaldine

**Highlights:** • Shelter, Fire and Food Survivor activity – campfires and cooking • Survivor story presentation  
• Campfire with marshmallows

**Morning:** Outback Queensland can boast many challenges for a survivor. Sweltering heat and freezing nights are real threats, but a little 'know-how' can shelter you from the elements!

This morning, students will look at traditional shelters and how to shelter themselves from the elements – bush style. Where to build shelter, what type of shelter and how to build it are all important lessons learned in this activity. Following an information session, students will plan and construct their own shelter in real life conditions out in the bush, using only the limited materials found in the bush.

**Afternoon:** This afternoon, you and your students can participate in a 'Food and Fire' exercise. Making and controlling fire in a survival situation is key. Light, warmth, water, food, comfort, safety – the list is endless! But what if the survivor does not have matches or a lighter?

**Evening:** Tonight's challenge for the students will be sharing their stories with others through dance, drama, songs, poetry, paintings, the written word and technology.

You and your students will also be able to enjoy the true beauty of the campfire under the stars. Toasting marshmallows and spinning yarns around the campfire is an Australian tradition and way of life for the bush.

## Day 5 – Barcaldine to your school

**Morning:** Today is the final day of your school camp and you will be departing Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre, ready to go home and tell your family and friends all about your amazing trip.

### Tour Inclusions:

Price includes accommodation, activities and most meals. Price does not include transport to and from Barcaldine and does not include entry into attractions in Longreach. Individual itineraries can be developed to suit school requirements. 1:10 Supervising Adults accommodated at No Charge in teacher rooms adjoining student dormitories. Separate onsite accommodation is provided for the coach captain free of charge.

### Tour Highlights:

- 10% Discount\* at Australian Workers Heritage Centre Gift Shop for the duration of your stay (\*food / drinks & sale items excluded)
- Teambuilding/leadership session facilitated by the Education Officer at the Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre
- Tree of Knowledge evening lights
- Australian Workers Heritage Centre
- Wanpa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre
- Bush Tucker Walk and Bush Games
- Radio Theatre – old style cinema with canvas chairs – movie showing
- Longreach School of Distance Education
- Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Qantas Founders Museum
- Shelter, Fire and Food Survivor activity – campfires and cooking
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### Relevant Factsheets:

1-4, 7-8, 13-17, 29

### BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

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**Conditions:** \*Price based on 30 primary aged students, 3 adults and 1 bus driver and are approximate only, please enquire for a quote. Prices apply to Direct School Bookings Only; Other Bookings Price on Application.

