



YEAR 7 CAMP

Borland Lodge



Arriving at Borland Lodge there was lots of excitement as everyone set up their spot in their cabins. After a chance to settle in, it was off for a 2 hour bush walk to Lake Monowai. Clambering over trees, navigating mud puddles, traipsing along goat-like trails and jumping a creek contributed to the adventure. The majority of students bravely undertook the return walk back to camp and built up an appetite for some Macaroni Cheese, Peaches and Jelly for dinner. Everyone was surprised to learn that there was a nearby pool at Blackmount and thoroughly enjoyed cooling off before bed.



Day 2 began without any porridge in sight. Everyone enjoyed some morning games of soccer, basketball and volleyball. Split up into groups, teamwork was important when undertaking a bush scavenger hunt. Later that afternoon, 13 hardy souls joined several adults on the Lime Cliffs walk. This walk should have taken 3 hours but with a cracking pace they were finished in just 90 minutes. Tumeke effort. After some Borland Lodge chicken, corn, carrots and roast vegetables, again everyone was off for a relaxing night time swim. More entertaining indoor games at camp and Mrs Leach was so grateful that everyone was sound asleep at a reasonable time!



Day 3 - Adventure day. No time for mucking around. Over the course of the day everyone undertook abseiling, ropes courses, kayaking and board game rotations. It was wonderful to have Mr Wilkinson join us for the day and support our Year 7s as they undertook so many different activities. After an action-packed day, burgers and chips filled everyone's bellies. Most enjoyed the last swim for the week at Blackmount Pool before returning for some delicious apple crumble and ice cream. Yum, Yum. More indoor games and skits ended the last night at camp on a high. Ten minutes after lights out and all 28 tired campers were sound asleep.

Day 4 was tidy up day. Everyone learnt the difference between throwing a sheet on a bed and making a bed properly. We even got an email from the camp manager thanking us for our great clean up skills. After some outdoor games and a BBQ lunch, everyone piled back in their vehicles for a much quieter trip back to school. A huge thank you to Michelle, Rebecca, Hanna, Wyn and Jeff for being amazing camp parents.

This camp gave everyone a great chance to get to know each other better and try new experiences - a wonderful way for our Year 7's to bond as a year group.

By Mrs Leach



YEAR 8 CAMP

Mavora Lakes



On Friday we needed to practice how to pitch up our tents before the following Monday. As we brought our bags into the gym, we had to make sure we had everything. Once the weekend had passed by, on Monday we set off in the vans and cars to Mavora; we were all excited. Once we got there we started pitching our tents and get our beds all set up. Once we all got our tents pitched up. We set off for a walk.



As we set off to our walk, we saw beautiful serene views with tussocks sculpting the area around us. Then we made our way to the creek so we could do our river crossing. All of us expected it to be a lot bigger but we didn't realise it was deep. For the much shorter people the water came up above their waist and it was COLD.

Once we got back from the walk it started to rain. So we ate dinner and played a few games. After that we headed to bed, only for us to wake in the morning to realise that it rained all night. It was still raining in the morning as well! That day we had to do the big walk. So we ate breakfast and got all ready and off we set for the walk.



Once we departed from camp we headed off to the track around the lake. It wasn't too bad for a start but then the rain got heavier and heavier. The walk felt like 8 hours; it wasn't even! We crossed puddles, bridges and mini rivers. Of course our shoes got wet from the amount of rain which was horrid. It was freezing, our fingers felt like they were about to fall off. Despite the weather we absolutely enjoyed it!

Once we came back to camp, we were soaked head to toe in water. So we got changed and we relaxed in our tents. Some of us played hide and go seek or just chilled on the ground gazing at the sky. Afterwards we had dinner. After dinner a few of us went fishing and some of us stayed back and played games. Then finally we headed off to bed.

The next morning we were sitting there eating breakfast, when suddenly Mr Dixon informed us that we had to leave early due to the amount of rain showering on us. We were all disappointed but of course we couldn't handle sleeping in the cold and people with broken tents and somehow wet sleeping bags. Before we left we played capture the flag, packed up all the tents and we went home. And of course the sun came out just as we left! We would like to give a big thank you to Mr Dixon, Mr Lee, Mrs Coghlan and Mrs McKenzie, Mark Gerken, Megan Ussher and Sarah McLean, and to Michael and Louise Hailes for the day trip and Craig and Janette Collins.

By Lilly van Vliet & Megui Panaligan



YEAR 9 CAMP

Te Anau

Arriving at school on the first day of camp we were all full of excitement. We loaded the vans and trailers and set off on our journey to Te Anau. We ventured past all the grassy hills and mountains and arrived at the Lake View Holiday Park where we pitched our tents and then dawdled our way to the yacht club. We helped to unpack the Canadian canoes and kayaks, then Mr Dixon told us to get changed in our wetsuits, jump off the wharf and swim to the buoy and back. We learnt how to function the oppies, had tea and went back to our tents.

Our routine each morning was to eat breakfast, get into our wetsuits and swim to the buoy and back. We had to stay in cold, freezing wet suits to start the rest of our activities. Throughout the week we all went Canadian canoeing, kayaking, oppieing, power boating and on the trailer sailor. On Thursday afternoon we all went boating. We all enjoyed it. It was great fun.

On the last day we had to do a triathlon. We tried to protest for free time but it did not work. First was the run, then kayak and oppies and we finished with a team swim. We all speed our way to finish the race. First was group A, second group C and 3rd was group B. Then of course we had free time. We all of course jumped off the wharf. Megui went lunatic and jumped off in togs. I tried to convince everyone that it wasn't cold and they didn't believe me.

We would like to give a big thanks to Miss Stark, Mr Dixon, Mr Kington, Tom Clark, John Van Vliet, Dave Bradley, dad and to all the parents with boats.

By Lilly van Vliet & Megui Panaligan





YEAR 10 CAMP

Port Craig, 2022



Once we all gave Port Craig a fair go, I think we can all agree that we had an amazing camp. Thankfully the weather stayed on our side and we all eventually got into the zone and just kept walking.



By far the hardest day was Tuesday, the longest walk and the first day of proper walking most of us weren't ready for. We all arrived in the end after definitely more than a few accidents. My highlights of camp were definitely swimming on the first day which came with choppy but fun waves, the dolphins on Tuesday evening which felt like a great reward for our long trek and then the quantities of chocolate we all crammed into our packs.



When it came to walking we soon realised moping and whining wasn't an option but I think it was all about the balance of getting blisters taped as soon as possible. I can definitely say most of us have the morning foot clinic to thank for getting us home from Port Craig. Definitely the best walk I think was our day walk to the viaduct. Not only was it a flat and casual walk but it was also accompanied by the most amazing man made structure standing at 36 metres tall and 125 metres long, the Percy Burn viaduct took our breath away "Look how cool it is".

I'd say we were all quick learners when it came to food and meals, MOST of us had mastered our cookers and back country meals by the second day or so, however I think we all know who was the worst at making the food. Jade. By the end of camp she wasn't cooking any of her food because none of us could bear the sight of her burnt liquid porridge.

We got there in the end and the amount of scroggin we had all had made up for any average tasting meal. I loved camp. Congrats to Tori for winning Bat Sergeant, thanks to foot doctor Kington and Jess for waiting until we drove away on the last day to nearly consume peanuts.

By Samantha Kington



YEAR 11 CAMP

Kepler Track



On 2nd May, 27 Year 11 students, 4 staff and 1 parent headed off to take on the Kepler Track in the Fiordland National Park. Mr Wilkinson dropped us off and we headed off after ferrying a van to the other possible finishing point. After making it 6.5 kms to Brod Bay we had lunch before starting the ascent up to Luxmore Hut.



The weather became ever more damp putting our jackets and pack liners to the test. After a challenging climb which took longer than it should have thanks to the rain, we were all pleased to see the fire on at Luxmore. The hut was full including a welcome face, in a member of the public Mr Reid, formerly HOD of PE at NSC.

Unfortunately, the weather was against us and we did not manage to get across the top so we returned to the control gates the next day and ferried everyone to the swing bridge. From there we trekked to Motorau Hut which was a very long walk for the day.



The next day we had a pleasant stroll up the valley before having a bonfire on the beach. Everyone enjoyed having a hot lunch on the Friday, before returning to school so we could witness the golf ball drop.

A big thanks to all the staff and Annie Armitage for assisting our students during the week and it was heartening to hear that some wanted to return and complete the whole track.

By Mr Lee



YEAR 12 CAMP

Queenstown, 2022



As we wrapped up exams for the year, myself and the other year 12's were ready to take on the Year 12 Peer Support Camp.

On the first day, we met at school where we had the first session for our peer support leadership training. After this session, we then planned our meals for the three days and headed off to Queenstown. After doing our shop at the Frankton PAK'nSAVE, we went to Lakeland Park Christian Camp where we would be staying two nights. We did one more training session and played the Ferry Man Challenge which we completed in "record-breaking time". Then it was time for bed.



On the second day, we woke up for a 5-star breakfast before having another Peer Support session. We had a bit of time to kill before having lunch so we decided to play some games and have a bit of fun. After lunch, we went on a bike ride from Arrowtown to the AJ Hackett Kawarau Bungy Bridge where a few people decided to make the jump and enjoy the thrill of the bungy jump. Not me though – I preferred to stay on the perfectly fine bridge. Next on the list of things to do was another session before going out to dinner at the Frankton Arms Tavern. There, we demolished about a dozen pizzas. This ended day two, which brings us to day three.



Once again, we woke up to another 5-star breakfast, which prepared us for a big cleanup to get ourselves ready to leave. Before we left, we were presented with our Peer Support Leadership Certificates, which I am happy to say everyone received. Our hard work was rewarded with an hour at the Hanley's Farm Pump Track. After this, we started our drive home. We stopped in Kingston to have lunch by the lakefront. Finally, to wrap up this camp we had a small bike ride to do from Bixter Road, all the way back to Lumsden on the bike track.

Overall, I enjoyed this camp a lot. It was a great learning experience, but it was also a lot of fun to hang out with friends and do these fun activities for a couple of days.

By Harrison Wilson



YEAR 13 CAMP

Cardrona Snow Farm

On July 24 our Year 13 students ventured into the great outdoors for two days for some cross country skiing at the Cardrona Snow Farm. We all had a lesson to figure out how to use cross country skis to go uphill, downhill, on the flat and how to get back up when we fall.



The skill of how to stand up again turned out to be essential, as all of us fell over, some of us more than others. Much to Catherine's disgust, Harry proclaimed that he was the best cross country skier as he was the last of us to fall. After our lesson we cross country skied to the Musterer's Hut where we stayed for the night. It was a fabulous hut with everything provided (apart from sleeping bags and food) and even though we were in the mountains surrounded by snow it was extremely warm inside the hut.



Ruby and Mrs Ussher were lucky to get taken to the hut in the Snow Farm's side by side with our overnight bags. Then they went for a snow shoe around the hills. We all had a great time playing cards, eating great food and enjoying each other's company. The group went out later in the evening to stargaze before more cards, yarns and bed.

On Tuesday we were up nice and early ready and rearing to go. The weather was clear but the snow was frozen which made it a challenge to ski on. The ski back to the administration area was all good with a few students even getting to swap their skis and try some snow shoes. Thanks so much to Mrs Ussher, Mr Elder and Mr Wilkinson for coming on the trip with us.

