

2018 ADVENTURE CAMP

We had 26 keen attendees at Adventure Camp this year, a few new faces, many return campers and just as many amazing volunteers! We arrived to beautiful weather at our beachside cabins in Nelson Bay. After learning about the camp store (where we could choose our ingredients for meals that we would cook ourselves) we excitedly awaited the next day's activities..

We spent our first morning in a high-octane game of Laser Tag and then made our way to eat a lunch of fish and chips on Dutchies Beach.



Laser Tag

Rhys taking aim

Fletch with his game face on

The ladies striking a Laser Tag pose

We were greeted by crazy winds on arrival and thought that it

would put a stop to the planned beach based activities but we were wrong as the kids thought otherwise. We not only made it onto the beach but most of us didn't want to leave! Some awesome sand creations were made (in the middle of a sandstorm) and there were lots of laughs.



Fish and chips for lunch at the beach

Taya and Alex all smiles

Sophie and Rachel getting creative on the beach

The next day we all had "the need for speed" and jumped on a bus for a day of Go Karting and Tobogganing. Both activities were a huge hit and the GO Kart lap times were startling! Mexican night came upon us so we all made our way down to the store and picked out all our favourite ingredients for a Mexican themed feast. Tacos were definitely a camp staple. I'm not sure if it was the Mexican food or the lollies but that night everyone started

to cut a bit loose.

And then the make-up came out! Some of the boys gave it a go while most locked themselves in the cupboard, fearing the worst! We laughed until it hurt and had so much fun.



Go Karting

Strolling back for dinner after a swim

Pierce ready to take off on the Toboggan track

Day three saw us 4-wheel driving and sandboarding – both old camp favourites. Lots of thrills and spills between friends, new and old.

On our last night it was party time and later in the evening the water and shaving cream came out!

In between all the fantastic planned activities, we got to make new friends and catch up with old ones, swim, play games, craft, watch movies, cook and of course, laugh. What a way to spend part of the April school holidays? Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and after a fabulous BBQ breakfast we began the journey home with everyone thinking about how much fun they had during their time at Adventure Camp 2018.



Party Time!

If anyone is interested in joining the Facebook page Adventure Camp April 18 to see all the photos and posts from the please email Jenny Smith at jenny.smith@mdnsw.org.au. It's a private group page and you will need to gain permission to access. Again, special mention to all of our volunteers! Thank you thank you **THANK YOU** once again, we couldn't do it without you.

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