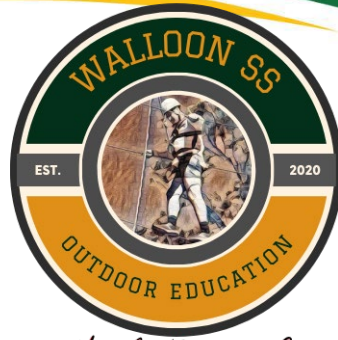


Work Hard. Play Hard



High Ropes & Adventure Zone

2023 Outdoor Education Report

2023 Year in Review:

In 2023, Walloon State School Outdoor Education embarked on an exciting journey, delivering a range of transformative experiences and expanding its offerings to cater to diverse audiences.

Throughout the year, Walloon State School hosted weekly high ropes sessions for year 5 and 6 students, providing them with opportunities to challenge themselves, build resilience, and develop essential life skills in a safe and supportive environment.

The program extended its reach beyond the school community by hosting night ropes sessions for the wider community. These engaging and thrilling sessions under the starry skies offered participants a unique and unforgettable outdoor adventure experience.

Walloon State School Outdoor Education welcomed students from neighbouring schools, hosting camps for Amberley District State School and year 4 students from Walloon State School. These camps provided immersive experiences aimed at fostering teamwork, leadership, and personal growth.

Strengthening ties with other educational institutions, Walloon State School facilitated ropes sessions for students from Ipswich State High School and hosted Clermont Special School staff through night ropes, promoting inclusivity and collaboration.

In a significant development, the program introduced the RAD Zone, a dedicated area for team building and leadership enrichment. Additionally, they installed the exhilarating Leap of Faith, adding a new dimension to their adventure offerings and providing participants with thrilling challenges to conquer.

High Ropes for Years 5 and 6:

Walloon State School Outdoor Education achieved remarkable milestones, guiding 85 Year 5 and 6 students through the exhilarating challenges of our three high ropes elements.

With each session, we encouraged students to transcend their comfort zones, embracing courage as they navigated through thrilling obstacles and discovered newfound strengths.

Additionally, we are proud to highlight that our Year 6 students made history as the first to experience the heart-pounding Leap of Faith, marking a significant moment in their journey of personal growth and self-discovery. Through these experiences, we continue to empower students to face challenges head-on, fostering resilience and confidence that will serve them well beyond their time with us.



Community Connections:



In 2023, Walloon State School Outdoor Education deepened its community connections through various engaging initiatives. We hosted night ropes sessions, welcoming community members to experience our high ropes elements while supporting our program's growth through a \$25 per person fee. Funds raised helped expand our facilities and develop new elements, ensuring continued access to transformative outdoor experiences.

We welcomed Walloon State School Year 4 students for a camp, providing opportunities for personal growth through high ropes challenges and team-building activities in the RAD Zone. Amberley State School entrusted us with facilitating an outdoor adventure for 108 students, who tackled our high and low ropes courses while developing teamwork and leadership skills.

Clermont Special School's staff social club embraced adventure, bonding as they conquered our high ropes elements. Our own Walloon State School staff also joined in, challenging themselves and building camaraderie on the high ropes course. Additionally, Ipswich State High School's specialized program experienced personal growth and self-discovery through our outdoor education experience. These community connections enrich lives, strengthen bonds, and inspire growth, reflecting our commitment to providing transformative outdoor experiences for all.

Course Development

Thanks to the generous donation from the student council, we proudly introduced the Leap of Faith, a dynamic high ropes element designed to ignite the spirit of adventure. Installed by Fred Heckerth of Caldera Dynamics, its installation involved extensive risk assessment, safety protocols, and standard operating procedures to ensure utmost safety. Ascend to an elevated platform, summon your inner strength, and take a daring leap into the unknown, defying gravity and embracing the exhilaration of the moment. With each leap, experience a rush of adrenaline and a profound sense of achievement. Are you ready to take the leap and discover the heights you can reach?

Additionally, we unveiled the RAD Zone, a space dedicated to team building and leadership development. Our outdoor education team worked tirelessly to install the RAD Zone after hours, designing and developing activity descriptions and risk assessments to ensure its safe and effective use.

Within the RAD Zone, participants can engage in a variety of activities designed to foster crucial skills such as teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and balance:

- See Saw: Encourages teamwork and balance as participants find the perfect equilibrium to overcome challenges.
- Walk the Plank: Challenges participants to solve balance problems and strategize their way across.
- Inflatable Battle: Tests skills as participants navigate inflatable obstacles and compete head-to-head.
- Mix n Match: Requires a thrilling balancing act as students pass each other on beams going in opposite directions.
- The Great Divide: Tasks students with crossing an imaginary ravine using limited equipment and collective brainpower.
- Crowded House: Puts balance and teamwork to the test as students work together to fit onto a small platform.
- Survivor Corner: Unleashes resourcefulness as students build shelters and solve problems with limited equipment.

These elements provide diverse and engaging experiences, empowering participants to develop essential life skills and discover their potential in safe and supportive environment.



Financial Report: Athlete Development Academy

Financial Report

Income	Price	Notes
Come and Try Session 1	\$286.44	\$40 additional could not be retrieved from Eventbrite
Claremont Social Club	\$90	
Come and Try Session 2	\$238.70	
C&TS Drink Sales	\$29	
Come and Try Session 3	\$206	
Amberley Year 4	\$2650	
ISHS (Ipswich State High School)	\$400	
Total Income	\$3900.14	

Expenditure	Price	Notes
Inspection and Equipment Order	\$2702.92	
Equipment	\$89.90	
Equipment	\$84.85	
Total Expenditure	\$2877.67	

Net Profit/Loss:

- Income - Expenditure = Net Profit/Loss
- \$3900.14 - \$2877.67 = \$1022.47 (contributing to the 2024 inspection)

Notes:

- The financial report demonstrates a net profit of \$1022.47, indicating a positive financial performance for the period.
- The majority of income was generated from program sessions, with notable contributions from Amberley Year 4 and Ipswich State High School.
- Expenditure primarily consisted of inspection and equipment orders to maintain and improve program offerings.
- The financial report reflects a sound financial position, with income exceeding expenditure, allowing for continued investment in program development and sustainability.

This financial report provides transparency regarding the academy's income, expenses, and overall financial position for the year 2023.

Capability Development

In 2023, our commitment to capability development was evident through various initiatives aimed at enhancing our skills and knowledge base. Jay Green and Mitch Rain embarked on a learning journey by visiting the Maroon Outdoor Education Centre. During this visit, they observed facilities and procedures, engaging in discussions to ensure the currency of our practices. Additionally, we conducted several practice rescues to reinforce our emergency response capabilities.

Furthermore, our team attended the Runaway Bay Sport and Excellence Centre to observe their facilities, gaining insights to further improve our own practices and offerings. Through these efforts, we continue to strengthen our capabilities, ensuring that we deliver high-quality and safe experiences for our participants.

Course Maintenance and Safety

In 2023, our commitment to course maintenance and safety was paramount, ensuring the well-being of our participants at all times. The course underwent thorough inspections twice throughout the year, conducted by Fred Heckerth of Caldera Dynamics. These inspections reaffirmed the sound condition of our facilities, providing assurance of their safety and reliability.

Additionally, our dedication to safety protocols was put to the test through real-life scenarios. In response to climbers experiencing fatigue, we executed one top rope rescue and two bottom rescues seamlessly. These successful rescues underscored the efficiency and effectiveness of our safety protocols, further demonstrating our unwavering commitment to prioritizing the safety and well-being of all individuals engaging in our programs.

2024 Forward Planning

In 2024, Walloon State School Outdoor Education is poised to continue its commitment to providing transformative outdoor experiences for our students and community. Our night ropes sessions will remain a staple, offering thrilling adventures under the starry skies, with several sessions already booked in.

Furthermore, we are excited to introduce our new Year 5 Courage Plus Program, designed to immerse students in a dynamic outdoor education journey. Led by our Outdoor Education Specialist, Mitch Raine, students will explore a blend of on-site and off-site adventures focused on fostering personal development, teamwork, and leadership skills.



The Courage Plus Program will feature a range of activities, from conquering the daring High Ropes Adventure to mastering precision in Archery. Our RAD Zone, focusing on Team Building and Leadership, will ensure effective collaboration under Mitch's expert guidance. Off-site adventures, including Bushwalking Expeditions and Fishing Experiences, will provide students with a unique connection to nature, promoting environmental awareness and patience. This program aligns seamlessly with the Outdoor Learning section of the Australian Curriculum, offering enriching experiences that complement classroom learning.

Structured over five modules, Courage Plus ensures a comprehensive experience, culminating in final team challenges and a reflection session. As a precursor to the Passing the Baton Program at the end of 2024, Courage Plus serves as more than just an adventure—it's a stepping stone for our Year 5 students to lead our school in 2025 and beyond. Join us as we pave the way for future leaders of the world, one courageous step at a time.