



HOT WEATHER POLICY and FIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Wirraway always puts the health and safety of its campers first, then, equally important are its staff and their needs. In extreme weather conditions, the wellbeing of all people and animals needs to be considered and Wirraway varies its program accordingly.

HOT WEATHER

When temperatures exceed 35°C the morning activities session will start earlier than usual and will be finished by 10.30 am at the latest. If no cool change occurs later in the day then the afternoon activities session usually won't recommence until the late afternoon after 5pm. Sunscreen, hats and sleeved tops are required for outdoor activities. Horse riding is undertaken in the indoor arena, and there is plenty of shade available for the archery and the challenge ropes course. The climbing wall is not shaded, but some faces are always out of the direct sunshine.

Breakfasts and dinners may be managed differently with split sittings of half the group at a time, so that meals are at normal times, running in between the activity sessions. During the middle of the day campers spend their time swimming in the pool (sunbathing is not permitted) or playing games in the dining room (air conditioned) or enjoying free time activities in the Livery Stable (The Shed) also with some minimal air conditioning and fans provided.

Refrigerated water is available at all times.

Our bunkhouses are insulated, but do get hot in extreme weather conditions in the daytime. Fortunately it is seldom hot at night at Wirraway, so sleeping is not usually a problem. All bunkhouses have opening windows with fly screens attached for good circulation of the cooler night air and fans are provided.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: FIRE

Wirraway has a professionally drawn up emergency management plan that has been discussed with the experts.

Wirraway is in farmland, with no substantial areas of bush nearby. Grass fires are our risk and these would be managed through approved and properly maintained fire-fighting equipment on site. Staff are trained in their use, and we have contingency plans and back up equipment if the power fails.

Evacuation is not advised. Wirraway's safe assembly areas have been identified as the dining room or the indoor arena. The surrounds to buildings are kept clear of combustible materials and the grassy areas and gardens by the buildings are maintained green throughout summer.