



DAY 1

7:00am	Board the coach at school and our friendly drivers provide a commentary on interesting landmarks during the trip up the mountains.
9:00am	Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens (program run by National Parks Education Officer) Measure different aspects of the rainforest environment including wind speed, temperature, humidity and sunlight using handheld weather computers. Measure tree circumference and fern frond length and compare to other environments.
11:15am	Short coach trip to Katoomba, passing Explorers Tree , where William Lawson carved his initials into the bark of this Blackbutt in 1813.
12:10pm	The Edge Cinema A chance to see the million hectares of impenetrable forest wilderness in the Blue Mountains. View footage of the Wollemi Pines, 40m tall with a trunk that appears to be coated in Coco Pops.
1:15pm	Arrive at your accommodation in Katoomba where you'll be greeted by your site host, shown to your room and served lunch.
2:30pm	Scenic World (program run by Scenic World guides) Ride the steepest incline railway in the world 415m down through the cliffside tunnel to the ancient rainforest beneath. View the effects of coal mining on the rainforest, take the stairs to the miner's hut and draw a field sketch of the rainforest. Ride the Cableway on the 545m trip out of the amazing Jamison Valley.
5:00pm	Hot showers and free time
6:00pm	Program staff oversee dinner giving school staff time to relax as they eat in a partitioned part of the dining room. Dinner is cooked by qualified catering staff who can provide for a range of dietary requests.
7:15pm	Evening Drama Workshop (program run by Blue Mountains resident and drama teacher Paul Innes) Enjoy a dramatic retelling of a Blue Mountains mystery involving the goldfields and create your own freeze frame plays before you perform for the group.
8:45pm	Clean teeth and into bedrooms
9:15pm	Lights Out
9:30pm	Silence



DAY 2

7:30am	Enjoy a hot breakfast in the dining room.
8:30am	Board the coach for the drive along the Great Western Highway past the Hydro Majestic and down the other side of the Great Dividing Range. Before arriving at the Goldfields the coach drives around the famous Mt Panorama racetrack .
10:00am	Bathurst Goldfields (program run by Bathurst Goldfields tour guides) See how gold was found and mined. Visit the Geology Room to view samples and identify different qualities of gold. Walk through a replica underground mine. Visit the History Room, see clothes worn in the goldrush and other items that provide clues to the lifestyle of miners. Step into the working Blacksmith's shop before enjoying a BBQ lunch . Pan for gold, construct your own mud brick store, play goldrush era games, cradle for gold and erect a tent.
3:15pm	Detour slightly on the return journey to see the Hampton Wind Park with 50m turbines, have your group photo taken and hear some interesting facts about wind energy in Australia.
5:00pm	Take a hot shower before sitting down to another delicious dinner
6:00pm	Dinner
7:15pm	Team Building Activity (led by experienced program staff) Complete a series of team building exercises and work together to overcome a number of challenging obstacles.
8:45pm	Clean teeth and into bedrooms
9:15pm	Lights out
9:30pm	Silence



DAY 3

<p>8:00am</p>	<p>Enjoy another hot breakfast in the dining room.</p>
<p>9:00am The group will be split into two smaller groups</p> <p>Group I 9:00am - 11:00am - Abseiling 11:00 - 11:15am - Morning Tea 11:15am - 12:45pm - Orienteering</p> <p>Group II 9:00am - 10:45 - Orienteering 10:45am - 11:00am - Morning tea 11:00am - 1:00pm - Abseiling</p>	<p>Abseiling (led by qualified outdoor educators from adventure company River Deep Mountain High) Abseil your choice of two different height cliffs with superb views of the Three Sisters.</p> <p>Orienteering (led by experienced program staff) Form an orienteering team and use a compass to navigate your way around an open course all contained within the grounds of the conference centre.</p>
<p>1:00pm</p>	<p>After filling up on a delicious lunch it's back on the coach, down the mountains and back to school.</p>
<p>4:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Arrive back at school.</p>