



## Application Packages

Application Packages will be available from outside Andrew the Chaplain's Office in Student Services at the start of Term One and Term Three each year

Thinking about joining our Bush Ranger Cadet Unit?



Preparing dinner at House Creek in the Pilbara (2023)

**Who Are The Cadets?** Our Bush Ranger Cadet Unit is made up of students from Year 7 all the way through to Year 11 (we kick them out at the end of Year 11 due to the nature and busyness of Year 12). All they have to do is sign up, participate and attend regularly and they can get involved in all of the activities and camps we engage in over the year.

**Funding** Our funding comes from the Department of Communities through Cadets WA, and as a result, we do not charge the Cadets for participation in any of our activities - it's free!

**When Can The Cadets Join?** We intake new Cadets at the start of Term 1 and Term 3 only. We do not let people join mid-way through a semester. This is mostly because we want the groups to get to know each other as well as possible, and because we work the Cadets progressively towards their camping experiences. We also don't want to take 'un-prepared' people away into the wilderness.

**Who Are The Instructors?** Our Instructors are usually (but not always) teachers who volunteer their time after school on Mondays and at camps. They need to have a Working With Children Card, be signed off by the Principal and be registered with Cadets WA as Instructors. Instructors have also included local youth workers, parents and past Cadets.



Brushing project at Big Lagoon (Shark Bay Experience 2022)

There are three main parts to our Cadet Program

**Mondays**  
The Cadets meet after school each Monday during Term from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. During these sessions we work on team building, leadership and get-to-know-you activities, show them how to use our equipment and look at various aspects of the Western Australian environment and the work of the Parks & Wildlife Service.

**Camps**  
Each term the whole Unit undertakes a camp. These run for 3 or 4 days and are usually between 1 and 7 hours drive from Perth. During camp we try to engage the Cadets in the local area they are visiting and to participate in community service activities.

**Expeditions**  
Our expeditions are offered to senior Cadets, and are the pinnacle of our camping program. Usually 7-10 days long they travel long distances or stay in a particular region for an extended period of time. Our 'Trips' take us on an extended journey and our 'Experiences' give the Cadets the opportunity to work intensively with the local Rangers in a particular region.