

Cadet Bush Craft (CBC) course 2012

34 students, 4 instructors, and 10 days to challenge their bushcraft skills in the glorious terrain of Dip Flat.

An increased amount of rain was not the best welcome for the new students of the CBC course but with smiles on their faces, and hot food in their tummy they absorbed the knowledge being passed to them by their experienced and fabulous officers. These bushcraft, first aid and search and rescue lessons were followed by the awesomeness of going out into the bush to practice and be tested on the skills they had learnt. With some terrible acting and laughs all round, various scenarios were thrown in to test their leadership as well as their bushcraft and navigation skills. A mog ride out to the beginning of the valleys they were tramping up was a pretty sweet start to the day's events. ☺ The evenings were filled with relaxation, team bonding while cooking their freeze dried dinners and generally an early night to recuperate for the next day's challenges. The course is half the size of normal so the students know each other which is likely to mean some pretty fantastic skits on the final night.

The students said that even with the rain it was still good because they were in it together and when asked what their favourite part was some responded with "all of it" :D ...the general feeling on return was that the five days out was totally worth the bad smells from lack of showers :P

All in all the 10 days has been filled with inside jokes, lots of rain, improvement of skills, big laughs, a few minor injuries and of course many new friendships. Oh and a newly found appreciation for hot food and shelter.

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Cpl. Pugh receiving Dip Flat red for best student



CBC students arriving back at base keen for showers



Bravo team Photo