



KEY PROGRAM DESCRIPTORS	Level – 1	Level – 2	Level – 3	Level – 4
Location – Facilities	Toilets, showers and Kitchen Facilities, Electricity.	Shower facilities but no Kitchen facilities. Possible Electricity Supply.	Drinkable (tap) water supply but no showering facilities available, however a good supply of clean water is available for students to clean with. Electricity supply unlikely.	No running water supply – drinking water must be carried to location or water purifiers used during the program. No Electricity. Water for cleaning may be minimal (participants may rely on the use of hand sanitisers or wipes for hygiene).
Location – Toilets	Flushing Toilets – plumbed to sewage or septic tank.	Non- flushing or non plumbed toilets – such as long drops, portable toilets or composting toilets.	Use of Latrine pits (dug at each location with a shovel and buried prior to group departing).	Environmentally sensitive area where excrement must be carried out and disposed of.
Location – Communication	100% telephone and mobile internet in all areas on all networks.	Phone coverage on Telstra network in most areas – i.e. no more than 5 mins from coverage at any time. UHF radios may be used for communication between groups.	Phone coverage on Telstra network in some places, such as high points – satellite communications recommended. UHF radios may be used for communication between groups.	Phone coverage unlikely – satellite communications required. Groups will be issued with either a 2 –way satellite communicator (Sat phone or Delorme inReach) or a 1 way satellite emergency beacon (SPOT or EPIRB). UHF radios may be used for communication between groups.
Location – Emergency Response time	Normal “urban” ambulance response time – with vehicular access to all areas.	Normal “rural” ambulance response time- with vehicular access to all areas.	No vehicular access areas – however distance to a vehicle can be easily covered via stretcher in a short period of time.	Difficult access with either long distances via stretcher or evacuation by air required.
Accommodation Type	Bed/Bunk accommodation with heating and or cooling.	Bed/Bunk Accommodation – no heating or cooling.	Tent Camping in light weight hiking tents with insulated sleeping mats.	Camping without tents – i.e. use of hutchies, survival shelters, or snow caves.
Terrain Difficulty	Low level of difficulty - suitable for all ages and levels of experience.	Moderate level of difficulty – Suitable for most people and most levels of fitness.	Optional high level of difficulty – participants will be required to extend themselves beyond their normal level of comfort – however options exist for those who are not able to cope with the level of difficulty.	Committed high level of difficulty – Participants will be required to extend themselves beyond their normal level of comfort, in situations where retreat would only be possible in emergency situations.
Activity Difficulty	Controlled – Instructor in full control of activity. Students may perform simple tasks under the full supervision of an instructor at all times.	Semi controlled - Participants may be under the supervision of an instructor however non-compliance could have an adverse affect on safety.	Complex – The activities may have aspects of safety which rely upon the student performing previously learnt skills. Whilst students are monitored, poor performance of these skills may result in the increased chance of an accident.	Difficult - This activity may require students to perform previously learnt skills in potentially adverse environments. Safety relies on all participants having prior training and an acceptable level of both skill and fitness.
Effect of Weather on Program and participant comfort	Easy access to indoor areas in the event of poor conditions.	Participants would have shelter in some areas or could be relocated in poor conditions.	Participants would remain outside in poor conditions but could be relocated to shelter in extreme conditions.	Participants would not have the option to relocate if unexpected extreme conditions occur during the program. Weather checks prior to departing would be conducted to decrease the likelihood of the group experiencing extreme conditions.
Participant Preparedness	Students will be required to be suitably attired for outdoor activities.	Students will be required to bring items for several days away from home in bunkhouse accommodation.	Students will be required to pack appropriate clothing and equipment for camping (such as a torch and sleeping bag) and, potentially, activity specific equipment (such as Hiking Boots).	In addition to Level 3, students will be required to prepare their own food items for program, and may be involved in planning of menus and or activities.

