

Guide Report – ACE 2010

Being a Lone Ranger who doesn't live in New Zealand, I was rather apprehensive about going to camp but once I arrived all of my nerves disappeared. I knew that most of the girls knew each other, but they were all wonderful and I made friends quickly. It made everything a lot easier knowing some people, especially as we had a myriad of tents to put up! I hadn't put up a tent in a long time but as these were new tents everybody had the same feeling of 'um, yeah'. Fortunately, these tents were rather easy to put up so there were no major problems after all.

Once we had our tents up we settled in and found out who our tent buddies were. I had some amazing Aussies in my tent; they were absolutely wonderful and completely hilarious. We quickly fell into a routine and discussed which activities we had signed up for. I signed up for archery and the bungee trampoline. I had a remarkable time and managed to hit a couple of bull's eyes and did some back flips on the bungee trampoline! I made sure I left in plenty of time to catch my bus for my half day activity which was rock climbing. I had heard about people missing the bus, and definitely did not want to be one of them! Rock climbing was excellent and I climbed to the top, and played some fun games. ☺ I went scuba diving for my full day activity and saw some beautiful aquatic life. It was nice to scuba dive again as I hadn't done it since I lived in Hong Kong. We tried to get the seals to come play with us but they preferred to sleep.

Since I was in the Ranger camp I was close to the dining hall, toilets, showers and everything else. Unfortunately, my sister was in the Pink Guide camp and she had the long trek to get to places. The food was all right, it had its ups and downs. ☺

The ACE Race was fun; however when we went to the sea to have a break I accidentally trod on a sea urchin and so did another girl in my group. We were not the only ones who trod on them. It wasn't much fun getting them out of my feet but luckily I was able to carry on with the race but the other girl in my group had to return to camp.

Travelling back and forth from India to Australia gave me a good dose of jet lag, but it was definitely worth it to go to ACE 2010. Life over here is very serious and since I'm doing IB (International Baccalaureate), studying for exams seems to be the norm, so it was nice to be reminded to have some FUN!