



## Two-Day Program Packing list

Depending on arrival and departure times, students arrive at the Crossing via bushwalk and leave via a canoe journey (approx. 2-4hrs). Sunburn, oyster cuts, bites, stings, and plant cuts can be easily avoided with the following essential gear:

### For the arrival journey wear:

- Lightweight, long-sleeved, light coloured shirt with a collar** (protects against scratches & bites)
- Lightweight long pants** for protection from scratches & bites. Preferably something that dries fast like nylon
- Old runners, booties, or deck shoes that can get wet** to fully cover feet in the tidal river (protects against oyster shells/spines. Closed toe is important: no thongs)
- Sunscreen and broad brimmed hat** (polarized sunglasses optional but recommended)

**In a daypack** that you can comfortably carry over both shoulders, pack:

- Light-weight rain jacket** for protection against cold winds or rain
- A snack for morning tea** (no nuts please), and **lunch for day one**
- Minimum 1.5lt of water** in two or three water bottles (separating water bottles provides insurance breakages without significant loss and is best practice in the outdoors)
- Personal medication** e.g.: asthma puffer, EpiPen, antihistamines, if needed & personal first aid e.g.: band aids, Stingoes, bugspray
- A plastic bag** big enough to put your daypack inside to keep it dry when canoeing or crossing the river
- A jumper** to keep you warm

**In a separate overnight bag** that will be taken by vehicle to The Crossing, pack:

- Extra pair of long pants, and an extra shirt** with covered shoulders (not singlets)
- A warm jumper** (fleece or wool are best as these retain their warmth when wet)
- Warm sleeping bag & beanie** for cold nights & **a set of thermals**
- Pajamas, toothbrush, other toiletries, and a towel**
- Spare underwear and spare socks** (socks longer than ankle socks are better in the bush for tick prevention as you can tuck pants into them)
- A headtorch** or a small handheld torch
- Sneakers or walking boots**

## Please do not pack the following items:

The following list of prohibited items has been provided to ensure that all participants remain safe and comfortable for the duration of the program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the organiser of the program.

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**Mobile phones or other devices:** E-devices used by untrained first aid responders pose an interference risk for staff in the unlikely event an emergency response situation occurs. E-devices can also interfere

with sleep at night, especially if used to play inappropriate music or videos. Staying alert and having full hearing is important on journeys in the bush and when doing tasks with others. Kindles for reading are acceptable, however these are brought at the risk of the participants as the Crossing takes no responsibility for damage caused to devices during programs.

**Thongs/flip-flops** as these do not fully cover and protect feet from injury. Crocs are okay.

**Knives, matches, lighters, & spray deodorant** so everyone around you can feel safe. Spray deodorant may trigger asthma attacks and smoke alarms.

**Valuable items** such as jewelry, watches, and credit cards are easily lost. Please leave these at home.

**High voltage electrical items** such as hair dryers will cause our off-grid solar system to malfunction.

**Sugary lollies or soft drinks.** Food in bags can encourage bush rats into sleeping areas causing damage to bags and clothing, as well as distress to participants. Late night sugar highs result in poor decision making, unsafe behavior, and sleep problems.

The Crossing is a place where young people are encouraged to take responsibility for each other and for community projects. We know adventures need fuel and we provide plenty of healthy, great tasting snacks throughout the program. We use all sorts of hand tools under supervision and have our own emergency communication devices for safety – you do not need your own. **Please respect these important safety precautions or you will be asked to leave, and your parents will be phoned to come and pick you up.** We are serious about safety.

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