Benalla P-12 Students enjoying Canoeing at Lake Mulwala

Benalla P-12 year ten students enjoyed a day canoeing at Lake Mulwala recently. With winds whipping up some rough paddling conditions, students had to paddle on the sheltered shores of Mulwala, rather than Yarrawonga. Students skills and abilities were tested as soon as they hit the water, with small waves crashing against their two person canoes.

A range of games and activities were played and saw many capsizes occur. The water was however at an ideal condition and many chose to simply jump in for a swim. This trip was the culmination of a lot of practical and theory based work in class and around Benalla. Students in years eight and nine will also be participating in excursions to Lake Mulawa for canoeing.

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Outdoor Ed Yr. 9 Canoeing Lake Mulwala

Students were eager to get out in the water and that was evident when several students quickly got in the water as we arrived at our destination. The weather conditions were perfect and Lake Mulwala was the picturesque venue for the day.
Outdoor Ed classmates in year 9 were tested early when evading others in a game of tag in canoes (no easy feat in canoes). Several students brought along their fishing rods and tried their hand at fishing as part of the fishing unit that was run along with canoeing. In this unit students look a range of information from catch and size limits to breeding habits and habitat. Students finished off the day by heading down to the weir wall and looking at the innovative fish ladder in place. The whole class saw many carp and freshwater turtles.

Photo: Yr. 9 students paddling canoes at Lake Mulwala.