



## Degrees in Outdoor, Environmental & Recreation Education

Outdoor Education at the Bendigo campus has a 20 year history of producing the best graduates of outdoor education in the country.

You can choose to specialise in either Outdoor Education, Outdoor Recreation Education or Outdoor Environmental Education. All courses consist of 360 credit points of study over 3 years full-time or the part-time equivalent period.

The courses will suit people who enjoy:

- the outdoors
- seeking to develop environmentally sustainable knowledge and practices
- adventure and outdoor pursuits
- leading and teaching others
- sharing challenges with others.

### Bachelor of Arts (Outdoor Education)

The course prepares students for teaching and leading in fields relevant to outdoor education including adventure guiding and environmental education.



Students participate in **140 days of outdoor field work** during the course.

Core fieldwork units include:

- Bushwalking
- Paddling
- Rock climbing
- Naturalist studies

The theoretical aspects of the program include:

- Environmental science studies
- Outdoor education concepts drawn from psychology, education, eco-psychology, environmental ethics and eco-philosophy.

#### Careers in Outdoor Education

- Classroom teaching (on completion of a Grad. Dip. Education).
- Teaching in school based programs.
- Outdoor or environmental education centres.
- Freelance outdoor instructors.

### Bachelor of Arts (Outdoor Environmental Education)

The course allows students to become more specialised in specific environmental studies with less emphasis on adventure activities. Students study the same core units as for the BArts (Outdoor Education) in the first year of the course. In the second and third years they focus more on geography and environmental studies as a preparation for teaching in schools or other environmental education settings. Students participate in **110 days of outdoor field work** during the course.

#### Careers in Outdoor Environmental Education

- Classroom teaching (on completion of Grad. Dip. Education)
- School camp and environment centre teaching or instructing
- Environmental interpretation in national parks and other settings
- Environmental interpretation for tourism operations

### Bachelor of Arts (Outdoor Recreation Education)

Students complete the common first year in Outdoor Education. In second and third years the program allows students to become expert at activities in a wider range of environments with a longer period of practical experience. Students will participate in **160 days of practical field work**.

#### Careers in Outdoor Recreation Education

- School camp and environment centre teaching or instructing
- Outdoor instructors in the outdoor recreation industry
- Leaders or instructors in the adventure travel industry

## Degrees in Outdoor, Environmental & Recreation Education

### Professional Accreditation (all courses)

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Graduates will be eligible for National Outdoor Leader Registration in areas that correspond with their activity electives. Those who continue with a postgraduate one-year diploma in education will be eligible for registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT).

### Timetable

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Classes are typically scheduled from Monday to Wednesday leaving Thursday and Friday for practical work. Field trips vary in length from 1 to 18 days.

### Elective Studies

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Depending on your course specialisation, elective units can be taken in the 2nd and 3rd years of study.

- Environment electives are selected from: Winter Alpine Environments, River Environments, Bush Environments or Rock Environments.
- Teaching environment electives are selected from: Teaching in Winter Alpine Environments, Teaching in River Environments, Teaching in Bush Environments, Teaching in Natural History or Teaching in Rock Environments.
- Electives can also be selected from other disciplines such as: media, geography, biology, environmental science or social and cultural studies.

### Pathway to a Teaching Qualification

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*Secondary teaching:* Depending on electives chosen, graduates of the Outdoor Education and Outdoor Environmental Education programs will be eligible to apply for the one year Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) and teach in areas such as Outdoor and Environmental Studies, Geography, Biology, Media and the Humanities.

*Primary teaching:* Graduates of all three programs will be eligible to apply for a one year Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary).

### Entry Requirements (all courses)

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The entry requirements for all of the degree programs are:

- Completion of VCE or mature (NONYR12) entry.
- A study score of 20 or higher in Units 3 and 4 of English (any).

### Selection Criteria

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For current Year 12 students selection is based on academic performance as indicated by the ENTER score. For those considered in the middle band, completion of Year 12 Outdoor Environmental Studies, Geography or Physical Education will improve your prospects of selection.

Selection for mature age (over 21 years of age) and NONYR12 students (under 21 but not currently completing Year 12) is via evidence of academic performance [ENTER or STAT] as well as relevant work and outdoor experience. Mature age and NONYR12 applicants must complete a Supplementary Information Form, obtained from the Course Administration Office or downloaded from the Faculty of Education website.

### Special Requirements

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Applicants accepted into the courses are required to complete a 'Working With Children Check' prior to commencing 2nd Year.

### Tuition Fees

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**Australian and New Zealand students:** Commonwealth Supported Places are available. Further information on HECS-Help can be found at website: [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

### International students:

For information about tuition fees, please refer to the website: [www.latrobe.edu.au/international/apply](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/international/apply)

### Further Information and How to Apply

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#### Australian and New Zealand students

Apply through VTAC. Details on line at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) or phone 1300 364 133. Applications open end of July.

For further information contact:  
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#### International students

International students should contact the International Programs Office or visit the below website for information about application procedures and study opportunities at La Trobe University.

#### International Programs Office

Ph: (+61 3) 9627 4805 or 1800 619 768 (free call within Australia)  
Fax: (+61 3) 9479 3860  
Email: [international@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:international@latrobe.edu.au)  
Web: [www.latrobe.edu.au/international](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/international)

#### Other important information for international students:

Prior to applying to La Trobe University, please refer to the following website for further information on studying in Australia including visa and government requirements, facilities and resources, campus lifestyle, accommodation, living costs, and support services: [www.latrobe.edu.au/international](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/international)