

Ventures and Adventures in the Real World

Educating Boys Experientially



Pre-Conference Adventures for 2018
International Boys' Schools Coalition Annual Conference
Tuesday 3 July to Thursday 5 July 2018
Sydney and Kangaroo Valley, NSW

Hosted by The Scots College



Rogaining at Glengarry

Aussie Bush and Sydney Futures

A three-day pre-conference adventure

In conjunction with the 2018 IBSC Annual Conference at The Southport School, The Scots College (Sydney Australia) is delighted to host *Ventures and Adventures in the Real World*, a professional learning experience with a difference.

IBSC members are invited to join us for pre-conference adventures in Sydney and the Kangaroo Valley to deepen your understanding of the transformative power of taking learning beyond the classroom and engaging boys in real world experiences — experiences that form their character and prepare them to thrive in an uncertain future.

These amazing adventures are available exclusively to IBSC members, including all staff at member schools.

Explore opportunities for experiential education during the Pre-Conference Adventures. In this real-world setting, connect with leading experts in key areas of educational change. Engage in the sort of education boys' schools are striving to offer students as the boundaries around "the school" become more open to change. Seize this unique opportunity to see and experience education in Sydney and the Australian bush, connect with likeminded innovative educators, and heighten your understanding of how to educate boys experientially. Then meet your colleagues at the IBSC Annual Conference to continue the journey.

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Why experiential education?

As globalisation brings economic and cultural disruption, young people must become more agile and entrepreneurial. Schools need to rethink how and why their programs of formation translate into brave and bold graduates.

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Who should attend?

Any teachers, administrators, or school leaders interested in exploring innovative ways of educating boys and establishing strong connections with colleagues from around the world should attend. The program concludes in time for participants to fly from Sydney to the Gold Coast over the weekend.



Orienteering - Kangaroo Valley

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An aerial photograph of the Sydney Opera House and the surrounding city skyline at dusk. The Opera House is illuminated, and the city lights are visible in the background. The water of the harbour is in the foreground.

The Program

Delegates can register for the Sydney Futures Adventure only, or the combined Aussie Bush Adventure and Sydney Futures Adventure package. You must register for the 2018 IBSC Annual Conference to be able to attend Ventures and Adventures in the Real World.

Program inclusions:

- Accommodation at your choice of Red, Blue, or Gold levels (see accommodation details on page 13)
- All meals (except Thursday lunch)
- Coach transfers to and from adventures (airport transfers not included)
- Core experiences including:
 - › adventure activities at Glengarry and Bannockburn (Aussie Bush Adventure only)
 - › three-course Scottish Adventure Evening
 - › Sydney Harbour sightseeing cruise
 - › Barangaroo entrepreneurship immersion
 - › Harbourside sunset cocktail reception
 - › Indigenous dance performance at the world-famous Sydney Opera House
 - › guided tours of Sydney, including walking the Sydney Harbour Bridge
 - › optional visit to Bondi Beach.

Aussie Bush Adventure

Tuesday 3 July — Wednesday 4 July

After arriving at The Scots College for check-in and lunch, we journey two hours south of Sydney to the pristine Kangaroo Valley to stay at Glengarry, where our Year 9 boys live and learn for six months.

Say “g’day” to the kangaroos lounging on the lawns before a night of stories, dance, and immersion with Australian culture, including intercultural learning from our Indigenous and non-Indigenous boys, families, and local elders, as well as reflections on experiential education from researchers.

Stay in a shared dormitory like our Year 9 boys, lodge at the nearby Pioneer Motel or the Kangaroo Valley Golf and Country Resort, or brave the crisp winter night and have a truly authentic Aussie bush experience by sleeping in a tent or open “swag” under the southern stars.

The next morning, choose from a number of adventure activities, such as canoeing, hiking through the microclimates on campus, low ropes course, indoor high ropes, science discovery, bush creative writing, or a rites of passage reflection session. Then travel across the mountains to the sparkling south coast for more adventures at Bannockburn, our 300 hectare short-stay, multi-use, stewardship landscape. Enjoy a barbeque lunch, before touring Bannockburn and engaging in a range of agricultural and environmental science activities, such as working with the school’s cattle, flying the Scots bio-mapping drones, or participating in an endangered species monitoring with local conservation partners in the re-wilding enclosure.

Return to Sydney by coach, taking in sweeping views of the south coast beaches, to conclude the Aussie Bush Adventure and meet up with delegates joining us for the Sydney Futures Adventure.



Kangaroo Valley

Sydney Futures Adventure

Wednesday 4 July — Thursday 5 July

The Sydney Futures Experience starts with a special night looking back to the past. After arriving at the College and checking in, freshen up for a Scottish Adventure Evening. We'll fit you out in your own kilt before settling in for a feast of all things Scottish, including pipers, Burns poetry, and even the delights of haggis. Hear boys, staff and our Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence reflect on the power of symbols and traditions in forming a shared sense of identity and purpose.

Enjoy a few extra winks before breakfast at the College, or wake up early Thursday morning for an optional session in the High Performance Sports Centre, where you can undertake the same Mind Body Heart testing boys undergo. Use equipment such as the BodPod and high-altitude spin room to discover your personal best. Then pick up breakfast on the go and visit world-famous Bondi Beach for a winter swim (for the brave!).

Then head down to sparkling Rose Bay for a cruise through Sydney Harbor, one of the most beautiful harbors in the world. Take advantage of picture-perfect views of the Sydney Opera House, Harbor Bridge, city skyline, and golden beaches. Then dock at Barangaroo, the newest development in the city, to tour one of the largest activity-based working environments in the Southern Hemisphere. Uncover how the future of working environments might reshape the way we teach. Engage with a panel of some of Australia's most eminent business leaders and entrepreneurs to better understand the changing nature of work, and hear boys pitch their own entrepreneurial ideas to would-be investors. Then it's your turn: split off into working groups to design your own pitch for how we could rethink teaching for the new world of work.



After lunch in Darling Harbour, take advantage of a range of free guided Sydney experiences, such as a casual walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, exploring the early settlement area of the Rocks, or visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art. Afterwards, we gather at Circular Quay for a special cocktail reception, followed by a Q&A panel discussion with boys and leading practitioners exploring the nature of the creative experience and how it's inverting our usual approach to teaching and learning. After watching the sun set across the Harbour Bridge, we conclude a wonderful day with a Bangarra Dance Theatre performance of "Dark Emu" at the World Heritage Listed-Sydney Opera House.

After breakfast on Friday morning, check out from your accommodation and take an easy one-hour flight straight to the Gold Coast before the ISBC Annual Conference starts Sunday. Or stick around Sydney for two more nights to enjoy all the city has to offer, including getting up close with wildlife at Taronga Zoo, taking in the splendour of the Blue Mountains, climbing over the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, or wine tasting in the nearby Hunter Valley.

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Schedule

Monday 2 July - **Option of early arrival and check-in to accommodation upon request**

Tuesday 3 July - **Aussie Bush Adventure**

12:00pm	Check-in and lunch	The Scots College Senior Campus
1:30pm	Depart for Glengarry campus	
4:00pm	Arrive Glengarry and local wildlife orientation	Glengarry Campus, Kangaroo Valley
6:00pm	Dinner (Australian Campfire Cuisine) Interactive Presentation on cross-cultural and Indigenous education	
10:00pm	Buses depart for Blue and Gold accommodation	

Wednesday 4 July - **Aussie Bush Adventure**

7:30am	Breakfast	
8:30am	Morning Outdoor Experiences	
11:00am	Depart for Bannockburn campus	
12:00pm	Bannockburn – Lunch and farm experiences	Bannockburn Campus, Culburra Beach
2:30pm	Depart Bannockburn	
6:00pm	Arrive Sydney and prepare for dinner Check-in for Sydney Futures Adventure guests	
7:30pm	A Scottish Adventure Evening	Dining Hall, The Scots College Senior Campus





Thursday 5 July – Sydney Futures Adventure

6:00am	Optional Mind Body Heart testing session and visit to Bondi Beach	Forbes Carlile High Performance Centre, The Scots College Senior Campus
7:45am	Breakfast	Dining Hall, The Scots College Senior Campus
8:45am	Buses depart for Rose Bay Wharf	
9:00am	Harbour cruise	Departs Rose Bay Wharf
10:00am	Panel and Pitch: Adventures in Entrepreneurship and the Future of Work	Barangaroo, Darling Harbour
11:00am	Breakout workshops: Design Thinking and the Future of Education	
12:30pm	Lunch at your own discretion	
1:30pm	<p>City exploration options or free time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk across the Harbour Bridge - The Rocks Walking Tour - Museum of Contemporary Art - Art Gallery of New South Wales - Royal Botanic Gardens and Government House - Museum of Sydney* - Sydney Tower Eye* - SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium* - WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo* <p>*Extra admission fee payable on entry</p>	Sydney CBD
5:00pm	Cocktail reception and panel discussion on boys and creativity	Cruise Bar, Circular Quay
7:30pm	Bangarra Dance Theatre performance	Sydney Opera House
10:00pm	Buses depart Opera House for accommodation	

Friday 6 July

7:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall, The Scots College Senior Campus
9:30am	Check-out	

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Information

Accommodation

Aussie Bush Adventure (1 night)

- **Red (Standard):** Glengarry campus dormitory (shared room, bunk style), tent or swag
- **Blue (Advanced):** Pioneer Motel, Standard Room
- **Gold (Deluxe):** Kangaroo Valley Golf and Country Resort.
Accommodation options at this resort are varied, with a combination of some one-bedroom cabins, villas and deluxe cabins. Due to limited availability rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Sydney Futures Adventure (2 nights)

- **Red (Standard):** Boarding House at The Scots College.
Most rooms are single occupancy and most have individual ensuite bathrooms, though some will be shared. Individual rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Spouse or family options available on request.
- **Blue (Advanced):** Vibe Hotel, Rushcutters Bay. Standard rooms.
- **Gold (Deluxe):** Intercontinental Hotel, Double Bay. Run of house rooms.





Registration

Early Bird Registration closes: March 31 2018

Standard Registration closes: May 12 2018

Costs listed are per person. When completing registration you will be asked if you would like shared accommodation (i.e. double or twin share) should you be attending with a spouse or colleague.



Register via the IBSC website

www.theibsc.org/conferences-events/2018ac/adventures

Aussie Bush and Sydney Futures Adventures

Three nights accommodation are included in the Aussie Bush and Sydney Futures package. Check-in 3 July, check-out 6 July.

Accommodation level	Early bird rate (USD)	Standard rate (USD)
Red (Standard)	425*	475*
Blue (Advanced)	800*	850*
Gold (Deluxe)	1025*	1075*

Sydney Futures Adventure ONLY

Two nights accommodation are included in the Sydney Futures package. Check-in 4 July, check-out 6 July.

Accommodation level	Early bird rate (USD)	Standard rate (USD)
Red (Standard)	300*	350*
Blue (Advanced)	550*	600*
Gold (Deluxe)	725*	775*

**Please consult the IBSC website for final pricing.*

More information

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