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Echuca Moama Region

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER

River Village Motel & Holiday Units



Echuca Moama
The Murray's living legend



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Thank you for taking the time to read through this information pack.

We understand that teachers are time poor and have helped to address this by creating an all-in-one package with itinerary, costing, accreditation, risk management procedures and educational outcomes as per the VELS.

Inside this pack you will find:

- An introduction to Echuca Moama
- Educational outcomes
- Providers of core products
- Example itinerary
- Contact information

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Introduction to the Echuca Moama Region

Echuca Moama is the perfect destination for your next school camp, with its magnificent backdrop of the majestic Murray River and a rich history, which is today shaped with modern facilities. Offering a variety of accredited accommodation options and educational activities that not only align to current curriculum but are also fun, hands-on and uniquely Echuca Moama.

Home to world's largest fleet of paddlesteamers, Echuca Moama has long been regarded as one of Victoria's favourite destinations. Its remarkable red gum wharf, historic port and array of nature based experiences are some of the reasons why your school will love our river paradise.



Location

Nestled at the point where the Murray, Campaspe and Goulburn Rivers meet, just 2½ hours drive north of Melbourne's CBD, Echuca Moama is the closest point on the Murray River to Melbourne. Camps for grades 5 & 6 may qualify for transport funding.



Activities

Echuca Moama is known as a strong tourist destination, the twin towns also offer a large variety of fun, educational focused activities, directed towards school aged children. Each activity available in this package has been developed to align to the AusVELS curriculum and has been assessed by Educational industry professionals. Ranging from physical, personal and social learning like horseback riding at Billabong Ranch to science focused, discipline-based learning at twistED featuring bug eating!

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Accommodation

Unlike many other regional destinations, Echuca Moama is home to purpose-built venues that offer year round accommodation specifically for school groups. Offering a range of accommodation providers with options of motel style, cabins and dormitory lodgings, no matter what the size or style of you're after, Echuca Moama has accommodation to suit your school.

Transport

Echuca Moama is located approximately 2.5 hours drive north of Melbourne CBD and is easily accessible by the road network, on the crossroads of the major routes between Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Echuca Moama is just 2 hours drive from Melbourne airport.

Echuca Moama is serviced by the V-Line bus and train network. V-line offers multiple daily services to and from Melbourne.

V-Line

www.vline.com.au

1800 800 007

Climate

Boasting more sunny days than Queensland's Gold Coast, Echuca Moama has a mild, relatively dry climate, averaging over 270 days without rain each year. Maximum temperatures average 30.1 degrees over the summer months and 14.3 over the winter.

See Them Grow

The Echuca Moama educational program puts the fun in learning and is aligned to current curriculum. Programs are designed to positively impact student learning and development and can be tailor-made for individual needs and learning outcomes.

Take the learning out of the classroom and watch students thrive through a series of challenges and activities that encourage them to:

- Overcome individual fears and limitations
- Challenge themselves
- Develop their confidence and self-esteem
- Get outside their comfort zone
- Develop an appreciation for nature
- Manage risk and learn to reflect
- Develop team-building and leadership skills.

With Echuca Moama's unique bush and river location offering a vast variety of educational focused activities, it's the only choice for your next school camp.



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Benefits

- **Social skills**
Learning to get along with others.
- **Self confidence**
Developing a sense of self-worth.
- **Team building**
Discovering how to work with others.
- **Leadership**
Guiding and directing others.
- **Problem solving**
Finding different ways to approach tasks.
- **Personal growth**
Building self-esteem and recognising strengths and weaknesses.
- **Health and fitness**
Recognising the value of staying active.



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Example of Educational Elements Achieved

HUMANITIES

- Concept of time: chronology and sequencing; change and continuity; past, present and future in a range of historical contexts.
- Exploration/development of timelines – sequence of events.
- Identification of historical sources – recognition of differences between different types of historical sources, framing of appropriate questions.
- Histories of cultural groups.
- Aspects of how places have changed over time.
- Awareness of significant events and associated key people.
- Comparison between aspects of life in the past and present.
- Geography; how humans have affected the Australian environment.

ENGLISH

Especially - Listening and speaking

- attentively listen to others and respond appropriately to what has been said.
- contribute relevant ideas and ask questions to clarify meaning.
- summary of main ideas after listening to others' presentations also Reading and Writing.
- concepts of print (upper and lower case, font).

SCIENCE

Especially - Science knowledge and understanding

- knowledge of everyday changes relating to matter (e.g. steam power).
- Knowledge of how change related to matter, space, energy and time may be of benefit to society.

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THE ARTS

Especially – Creating and making

- experimentation with different combinations of materials to create art works for a purpose.
- preparation of drama works for a presentation in a particular location incorporation of appropriate skills, techniques and processes when interpreting and performing drama works influenced by historical traditions.

INTERPERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- opportunity to display co-operative behaviours.
- opportunity to engage in team work.

COMMUNICATION

Especially – Listening, Viewing and Responding

- attentiveness to and understanding of ideas and information.
- relevance in the framing of questions about presentations.
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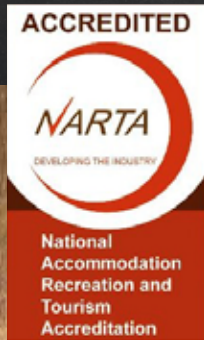
THINKING PROCESS

- questions and wondering are encouraged.
- opportunity to explore ideas creatively by engaging in new ideas and other perspectives.



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Core Product Providers

Below is a list of the core providers for the Echuca Moama Educational Camp Packages. The following pages outline each business in more detail.

Educational Activities

- Kingfisher Cruises
- Port of Echuca Discovery Centre
- Echuca Historical Society
- Kyabram Fauna Park
- River Country Adventours
- Billabong Carriages
- twistED/The Scientwists
- Billabong Ranch Adventure Park
- Murray River Paddlesteamers
- National Holden Museum
- Echuca Port Blacksmith

Echuca Moama Resources

- Echuca Moama Regional Tourism



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KINGFISHER CRUISES

Address: Day Visitors Area,
Barmah Lake, Barmah NP
Postal: PO Box 62, Merrigum, 3618
Phone: (03) 5855 2855
Contact Person: Benita Cox or Jo Lamond
Email: info@kingfisherscruises.com.au
Website: www.kingfishercruises.com.au

Kingfisher travels the narrowest section of the Murray River between Albury and the ocean, called the "Narrows" or "Barmah Choke". The Murray River here separates Victoria's Barmah National Park from the Murray Valley National Park in New South Wales – combined the area ranks as the world's largest stand River Red Gum. Kingfisher Cruises offers exclusive cruises for your students, during which the students develop an understanding of the significant resource the Murray River is in the Murray Darling Basin, see first-hand the geographic characteristics and the bird and animal life of the area.

Kingfisher Cruises is an accredited business through the NEAP program. Owner/Operator Benita Cox, has a double Degree in Applied Science – Parks, Recreation and Heritage and Applied Science – Eco Tourism and is an accredited Eco-guide.

Globally recognised eco-tourism operator.

We work in conjunction with Parks Victoria Indigenous Guides.

Student notes are provided for students.

Primary: Level 4+ Civics & Citizenship (in co-operation with Yorta Yorta Nation), History, Humanities and Geography

Secondary: Level 9 & 10: Geography

VCE: Outdoor Education, Geography & Environmental Science

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PORT OF ECHUCA DISCOVERY CENTRE

Address: 74 Murray Esplanade, Echuca Vic 3564
Phone: (03) 5481 0500
Contact Person: Bel Anderson
Email: b.anderson@portofechuca.org.au
Website: www.portofechuca.com.au



The Port of Echuca Discovery Centre is the starting point of a journey of discovery. The centre allows students to explore the story of pioneer spirit and learn how Australia's inland river system connected a fledgling colony to its growing cities and the outside world.

Explore the Power of Steam display and the working Saw Mill, Echuca Wharf Railway siding and the superlative Redgum walkways weaving along the riverbank, linking exhibits and providing magnificent view of the Murray River.

The Port of Echuca Discovery Centre provides students with the opportunity to learn in a unique historic environment. Walk the path of our river pioneers, learn of the exciting and bustling river trade of the 1800s, and absorb true tales of the Murray River and Port area.

The Port of Echuca Discovery Centre incorporating the meticulously restored wharf, offers educational one hour guided tours of the historic wharf, Discovery Centre, red gum sawmill, steam display site and Cargo Shed museum providing a unique indoor/outdoor learning experience for students.

The Port of Echuca Discovery Centre is suitable for all student age groups, from early primary years through to secondary and tertiary levels. AusVELS curriculum based education programs which are grade specific are offered to teachers with additional comprehensive resource kits available in support of the tours. These can be downloaded from www.portofechuca.org.au

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ECHUCA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM



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Address: 1 Dickson Street, Echuca,
Victoria, 3564

Phone: 03 5480 1325 (11am-3pm)
or 0408 505 662

Contact Person: Dot Hammond

Email: eh.soc@bigpond.com

Website: www.echucahistoricalsociety.org.au

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Echuca Moama has rich and colourful history. The Echuca Historical Society Museum Collection records the early settlement life along the Murray River, which is integral to understanding the significant place the people/town/district had in the opening up of the land and commerce along the river area and portrays how these happenings affected the community and nationally, and the further growth of the town/district. The Museum is open daily from 11am till 3pm to visitors. Special opening times can be arranged to suit groups.

Guided/or Self Guided tour Historical Museum

Approx 1 hour, \$2 per child.

Foundation to Level 2 (Students from 5 to 8 years of age) .

Levels 3 – 6 (Students from 8 to 12 years of age).

MATHS, ENGLISH, SCIENCE, HUMANITIES – HISTORY.

Levels 7–10 (Students from 12 to 16 years of age).

HUMANITIES – HISTORY .

Guided Historic Town Walk

Approx 1 hour, \$8 per child.

Levels 3 -10 (Students from 8 to 16 years of age).

Teachers/Carers Free.

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Address: 2 Radcliffe St, Echuca
Victoria, 3564

Phone: 1300 98 48 23

Contact Person: Kathy Stubberfield

Email: info@thescientwists.com.au

Website: www.twistedscience.com.au

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Get hands on with science at twistED! A brand new interactive experience that inspires scientific creativity and curiosity. All activities at twistED are designed for fun - students won't even realise they are learning about creativity and innovation, scientific method, and science's impact on the world around us...

Have your students test their reaction speed, discover the future of food, challenge themselves to build a river, make fantastic flying machines and launch them on our wind table, and experience a new way to play.

Add to the experience with AusVELS aligned workshops for Foundation through to Grade 6 students.

twistedED offers 20+ curriculum based workshops: • Biological
• Chemical • Physical sciences including earth and space.

twistedED also offers locally apt 'Paddlesteamer Science' and 'Murray on Tap' workshops.

Ask us which workshops are best to support your teaching goals, or tailor them to your visit with workshops specific to Echuca Moama.

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MURRAY RIVER PADDLESTEAMERS



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Address: 57 Murray Esplanade, Echuca Vic 3564
Phone: (03) 5482 5244
Contact Person: Rohan Burgess
Email: info@mrps.com.au
Website: www.murrayriverpaddlesteamers.com.au

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The Murray River Paddlesteamers fleet consists of three magnificently maintained vessels. Two paddlesteamers and one paddlewheeler. Each vessel has its own unique place in Australian history.

During each cruise, the captain offers a running commentary educating students about the feats of our early pioneers. Specifically the impact of steam power in opening up the Murray-Darling River system as a major trading route, Australia's red gum timber industry, the importance of the paddlesteamers in shaping local industry and how it all contributed to Australia's largest inland port, the Port of Echuca.

Facilities Offered:

- Paddlesteamer Canberra and the Pride of the Murray Paddleboat accommodate up to 90 students

Additional Resources:

- A teachers resource pack is available.

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RIVER COUNTRY ADVENTOURS

Address: 13 Mackie Street, Kyabram
Victoria, 3620

Phone: 03 5852 2736

Contact Person: Rob Asplin

Email: info@adventours.com.au

Website: www.adventours.com.au

Canoeing and kayaking Team building and well organized outings

River Country Adventours is a diverse tourism business which began in 1993 and now is a leader in regional tourism. The business runs canoeing and kayaking adventures on most sections of the Goulburn, Murray and other northern rivers.

We also run well organised coach tours for groups large and small to places of historic importance.

River Country Adventours also conducts flight tours to the outback regions of Australia such as Lake Eyre, Flinders Ranges and Ceduna to see all the whales at the Head of Bight.

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KYABRAM FAUNA PARK INC.

Address: 75 Lake Road, Kyabram, Victoria, 3620.
Post: P.O. Box 519, Kyabram, Victoria, 3619.
Park: (03) 5852 2883
Education Service: (03) 5852 2204
Contact Person: Education Officer
Email: enquiries@kyabramfaunapark.com.au
Website: www.kyabramfaunapark.com.au

- Award Winning Australian Wildlife Park covering 55 hectares of open Woodlands and Wetlands, exhibiting approximately 700 Australian Native Animals, Birds, Reptiles & Invertebrates.
- Environmental Resource Centre which includes Classrooms for both Primary & Secondary students; 100 seat Theatre; Teacher available 3 days per week to provide lessons for students covering a wide range of programs both within a classroom or field setting.
- Bookings are essential and we are able to take groups from 10 - 80 in one teaching period.
- Lessons per group approximately 45 minutes per session and Park Tours approximately 1½ hours duration.
- Ample Coach Parking; shelters; all weather pathways and 4 Toilet Blocks.
- There are currently 27 Programs available covering a broad range of subjects from Environmental through to Endangered Species.
- All programs available align with current "AusVELS" Curriculum. Specific programs can be adapted to particular studies/ requirements upon request.
- Programs available suitable for Kindergarten level through to V.C.E. levels.
- Large Playground & free B.B.Q. areas together with Café.
- Open 7 days a week, except Good Friday and Christmas Day.
- For further information see:
www.kyabramfaunapark.com.au - "Education" Tab.

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NATIONAL HOLDEN MOTOR MUSEUM

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Address: 7-11 Warren Street, Echuca Vic 3564
Phone: (03) 5480 2033
Contact Person: Ted Furley
Email: holdenmuseum@bigpond.com
Website: www.holdenmuseum.com.au

November 29th 1948 saw the then Prime Minister Ben Chifley unveil the Holden 48-215, the first of the all Aussie models.

The students journey through Australian motoring history at the Echuca Holden Motor Museum, begins there.

Echuca's Holden Motor Museum takes you through the remarkable history of a company that put our nation on wheels.

A guided and self-guided tour, along with interactive work-sheets, take students through Holdens heritage since 1948.

Duration - Tour with work sheets approx. 3/4 hour

\$3 per child.

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BILLABONG RANCH ADVENTURE PARK



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Address: 2831 Tehan Rd, Echuca VIC 3564
Phone: (03) 5483 5122
Contact Person: Kerrie Acquisto
Email: info@billabongranch.com.au
Website: www.billabongranch.com.au



Billabong Ranch Adventure Park is a purpose built school camp facility located on 390 acres on the edge of Echuca. Over 20 onsite adventure activities, our passionate camp staff, accommodation, great meals & rural setting make Billabong Ranch your ideal choice for a great camp experience. Offering outdoor education & adventure activities that encourage team spirit, communication, co-operation & other important life skills that encompass both Primary & Secondary curriculum VELS.

Billabong Ranch prides itself on comprehensive, individual itineraries that allow you to choose activities that are best suited to your group. We have readily available a detailed activity summary (including night activities) that allows you to make informed choices.

An outdoor education, bush camping program is also available.

Our dining hall can seat 250 with ample area for performances or movie nights on the big screen. Onsite chefs cater all meals and for any dietary requirements. Self-catering is available for smaller groups or specific purposes.

- DAY VISITS AVAILABLE -

Facilities include:

- Undercover In-ground Pool
- Staff Kitchen
- Campfire Area
- Exclusive Hire Available
- Conference Room
- Playground
- Bush & Jogging Tracks
- Recreation Room



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BILLABONG CARRIAGES



Address: Heygarth House,
47-49 Heygarth St, Echuca VIC 3564
Postal: PO Box 273 Echuca VIC 3564
Phone: (03) 5482 6055



Take a trip back in time as you board one of Billabong's carriages. Tour Murray Esplanade & High Street as your Clydesdales clip clop past many historical buildings of the old Port era.

Ask your driver about the harness & carriage he is using today.

Cobb & Co worksheets can be emailed on request.

Carriage Rides
\$5 per head
(10 mins approx).
Worksheet available.

Trail Rides
\$60 per person
(1 hour approx)



ECHUCA PORT BLACKSMITH



Address: Located in the Port Precinct,
Murray Esplanade, Echuca VIC 3564
Phone: (03) 5483 5122
Email: billabong@justhorses.com.au
Website: www.billabongranch.com.au

See the Echuca Port Blacksmith using traditional tools & a 150 year old forge.

In an demonstration lasting approximately 20 minutes he will explain how the forge works, what tools he uses & the different heats & colours of the steel & what they mean.

A copy of the information can be emailed on request.



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ECHUCA MOAMA REGIONAL TOURISM

Address: 2 Heygarth Street, Echuca VIC 3564
Phone: (03) 5480 7555
Email: info@echucamoama.com
Website: www.echucamoama.com

Echuca Moama Regional Tourism is the leading tourism body and will endeavour to make your school excursion to Echuca Moama successful.

For more information head to our website or contact our team.

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Accommodation Provider
RIVER VILLAGE
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Address: 310 Bangerang Road, Echuca, Victoria, 3564
Phone: 03 5480 6039
Contact Person: Kim Hay
Tammy Jones
Email: village@iinet.net.au
Website: www.rivervillagemotel.com.au

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Budget Chain Motel, 17 Fully self contained units spread out on 5 acres. 1 & 2 Bedroom units available. (Sleep up to 6 people per room). Adjacent to the Murray River.

Accommodation



Sleeping Capacity

- Able to accommodate up to 100 children for school camps or large group bookings.
- 9 x 1 bedroom units, consisting of queen bed and 2 singles.
- 8 x 2 bedroom units, consisting of queen bed and 3 singles. Including a room accessible to people with disabilities. This has safety hand rails, full shower, and all other specific configuration requirements.

Facilities

- Fully catered or non catered.
- Kids playground
- In ground swimming pool
- Full commercial kitchen
- Off street parking (ample room for buses)
- Recreation Room
- Under cover bbq
- Dining /conference room
- Camp fire area with seating

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Accommodation Provider **River Village Motel and Holiday Units**



Budget Chain Motel offering 17 fully self-contained units spread out on 5 acres. 1 & 2 Bedroom units available, accommodating up to 100 students, including a room accessible to people with disabilities (safety hand rails, full shower, and all other specific configuration requirements). River Village Motel and Holiday Units offer a range of facilities including - Recreation Room, Kids playground, Under cover bbq area, In ground swimming pool, Dining /conference room, Full commercial kitchen, Camp fire area with seating, Off street parking (ample room for buses). All Adjacent to the Murray River.

Day 1

8am **Depart from school – travel to Kyabram Fauna Park**

11am **Arrive Kyabram Fauna Park**

An Award Winning Australian Wildlife Park set on 55 acres of open woodland and Wetlands exhibiting over 700 Australian Native Animals, Birds, Reptiles and Invertebrates. Here students can undertake a 45 minute on-site classroom lesson, undertake a tour of the park, then enjoy their lunch whilst exploring and feeding the native animals.

2.30pm **River Cruise with Murray River Paddlesteamers**

Students can enjoy a cruise on board one of Murray River Paddlesteamers along the magical Murray River. Students can explore the boat whilst taking in the spectacular scenery with a running audio commentary from the captain highlighting points of significance and interest.

3.30pm **Port of Echuca Discovery Centre**

The starting point for a journey of discovery. Students can explore the storey of pioneer spirit and learn how Australia's inland river system connected a fledging colony to its growing cities and the outside world. A 1 hour guided tour of the historic wharf, Discovery Centre, red gum sawmill, steam display, cargo museum,

5.30pm **Arrive at River Village Motel and Holiday Units**

Students can settle into their accommodation, explore the facilities before dinner and night time activity.



Day 2

9am Arrive twistED – Science at Play

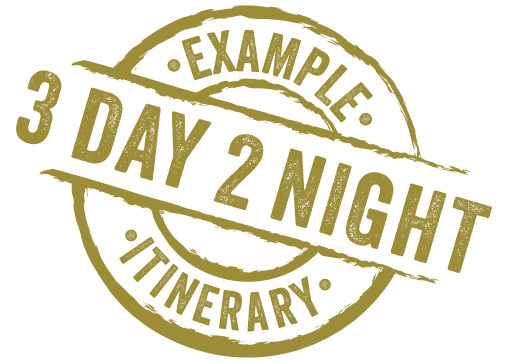
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11:30am Arrive at Kingfisher Cruises, Barmah lakes for an Eco/Wildlife Tour

Nowhere else in the world can you experience such timeless, natural beauty and peace as when you are gliding through the World-Heritage listed Barmah Wetlands aboard MV Kingfisher. Set in the world's largest stand of river redgums students will be in awe of their surrounds and the natural beauty of our country.

1:30pm Depart the Echuca Moama Region for home

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Day 1

9am **Depart from school - travel to Kyabram Fauna Park**

12pm **Arrive Kyabram Fauna Park**

An Award Winning Australian Wildlife Park set on 55 acres of open woodland and Wetlands exhibiting over 700 Australian Native Animals, Birds, Reptiles and Invertebrates. Here students can enjoy their lunch, undertake a 45 minute on-site classroom lesson, a 1½ hour tour of the park, then enjoy free time exploring and feeding the native animals.

5pm **Arrive at River Village Motel and Holiday Units**

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11am Arrive at Echuca Historical Society

Housed in the old police station and lock-up, the Echuca Historical Society allows students the opportunity to explore the rich and colourful history of the Echuca Moama Region.

12.15pm Horse Carriage ride around Echuca

Students will enjoy a 15 ride in a carriage pulled along by a big Clydesdale or Percheron horse along the streets of Echuca.

12.30pm Blacksmith Demonstration – Port of Echuca Blacksmiths

Take a step back in time and marvel at the blacksmith at work. Watch the Blacksmith create masterpieces from heating wrought iron or steel by forging the metal, using tools to hammer, bend and cut.

1.45pm Port of Echuca Discovery Centre

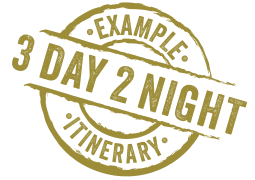
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4.15pm Guided Tour of the National Holden Motor Museum

Students will journey through Australian motoring history at the Nation Holden Motor Museum and grow an appreciation of the company that put our nation on wheels.



Day 3

9.30am Arrive at Kingfisher Cruises, Barmah for an Eco / Wildlife Tour

Nowhere else in the world can you experience such timeless, natural beauty and peace as when you are gliding through the World-Heritage listed Barmah Wetlands aboard MV Kingfisher. Set in the world's largest stand of river redgums students will be in awe of their surrounds and the natural beauty of our country.

11am Canoeing with River Country Adventours

Students pair up and can meander around in their canoes exploring the river and the local flora and fauna.

1:30pm Depart the Echuca Moama Region for home



WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Now that you agree that the Echuca Moama Region is an ideal place for your next school camp, contact River Village Motel and Holiday Units for more information. They will assist you in:

- Selecting the activities you would like your students to undertake
- Deciding how many nights you would like the camp to be for
- Arranging transportation
- Answering any further questions

River Village Motel and Holiday Units

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