Outdoor Education and the Australian Curriculum

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HOW TO GET THERE

Go to the end of the path until you get to the gate.

Go through the gate and head straight out towards the horizon.

Keep going towards the horizon.

Sit down and have a rest every now and again.

But keep on going. Just keep on with it.

Keep on going as far as you can. That's how you get there.

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(Lugg and Martin (2001) and Pickett and Polley (2003) – most schools offer Outdoor Education or Outdoor Recreation in Vic and SA. Only WA and Tas specify outdoor in the curriculum.)

* Adelaide Declaration (1999)
* Melbourne Declaration 2008 (MCEETYA)
* Shape of the Australian Curriculum 2009 (National Curriculum Board)
* Hewison and Martin (2009a, 2009b, 2009c) – OEG
* Martin and Hewison (2010)– OEA. Advice that OE best shot is HPE.
* Hewison scopes and lobbies until he passes Oct 2010
Background

* Decision at Perth Conference to work towards OE being a discipline area in National Curriculum
* Initial HPE workshop in Sydney 2010
* Martin (2010) OE in the National Curriculum
* Gray and Martin conference presentation at 2012 conference
* Draft Shaping Paper: Health and Physical Education (ACARA, 2012) – outdoor x 1
Background

* Martin, Polley and others OEA web site 2012
    * Policy Advice
    * What is OE
    * Teaching Guidelines
    * Curriculum Guidelines
    * National Curriculum response advice
* Gray and Martin (2012) The Role and Place of Outdoor Education in the National Curriculum and conference presentation.
* HPE consultation phase – 84 responses re OE in HPE
Background

* (Final) Shape of HPE (2012) – outdoor x 14
* Draft HPE Curriculum – outdoor x 23
* 2013 – OEA Curriculum Advice Committee Janice Atkin (lead) Alison Savage, Steve McMurtrie, Peter McKenna, Tonia Gray, Scott Polley)
* 2014 – release of draft ‘Advice on outdoor education in the Australian Curriculum’
Are we there yet?

* Consultation for draft Advice on Outdoor Education in the Australian National Curriculum
* Portal for Resources
* Development of resources where there are gaps