



Professional Resume

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career overview

Mark Collard is a key figure in the professional development of adventure education in Australia, and was instrumental in the development of Project Adventure in the early 1990s. He is also the author of two top-selling activity publications.

qualifications

Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Monash University, VIC 1985

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Clarkson University, NY, USA 1987

Certified Trainer, Project Adventure Inc, 1991 to present

Level 2 First Aid

career history

1987 – 1989 **Unit Leader, Blue Star Camps**

Managed and supervised approx 60 9-11 year old boys at large residential summer camp in North Carolina, USA, for 3 summers. Responsible for staff training, management of staff, delivery of specialised programs and overall supervision of the daily schedule.

1990 – 1999 **Director, Project Adventure Australia**

Highest qualified adventure educator in Australia, and one of only a few select international Project Adventure facilitators. Delivered an average of 100 days of corporate and educational programs annually, principally developing team skills and self-esteem.

1991 – 1998 **Lecturer, Victoria University**

Presented classes in adventure education for Recreation Leadership degree and diploma tertiary students involving introductory and advanced experiential education skills.

- 2000 – 2004 ***Camp Leader, Blue Star Camps***
 Managed a large residential summer camp in North Carolina, USA, for 8 summers, for approx 160 9-11 and 12-14 year old boys. Responsible for staff training, management of staff, delivery of specialised programs and overall supervision of the daily schedule.
- 2000 to present ***International Group Facilitator***
 Freelance international facilitator, delivering a wide variety of custom and public enrolment professional development and team-building programs throughout Australia, South East Asia and the USA.

professional achievements

- 1991 Recognised as '*Certified Trainer*' with Project Adventure Inc. Status renewed every 2 years, to present day.
- 1990 to present Presented practical sessions and key-note addresses at dozens of state, national and international conferences, in Australia and the USA.
- 1996 Author of '*No Props: Great Games with No Equipment*' (60pp). Published by Project Adventure Australia, sold exclusively in Australia and New Zealand.
- 1997 Added to Expert Witness Register (adventure activities), County Court, VIC
- 2005 Author of '*No Props: Great Games with No Equipment*' (220pp). Published by Project Adventure Inc USA, sold world-wide.
- 2008 Established inspireyourgroup to meet the growing needs of Australian educators looking to develop their activity and group facilitation skills. Each year, inspireyourgroup schedules a series of one- and multi-day public enrolment workshops throughout Australia.
- 2008 Author of '*Count Me In: Large Group Games that Work*' (260pp). Published by Project Adventure Inc USA, sold world-wide.