

Purpose

The school's camping program enables students to further their learning and social skills development in an out of school setting. Camps may have a cultural, environmental or outdoor emphasis and are an important aspect of the educational programs offered at our school. They provide a program that delivers skills and knowledge that may lead to a lifelong involvement in worthwhile leisure pursuits which develop independence, responsibility, self-esteem, leadership, cooperation, resilience and understanding.

Implementation

- Camps will be developed for children in Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6 every second year.
- School Council will ensure that all school camps are maintained at a reasonable and affordable cost, and comply with all DEECD requirements.
- A full itinerary outlining activities to be undertaken and supervision provision will be developed prior to the camp.
- An organisational checklist will be maintained throughout all planning stages.
- All safety issues and emergency procedures will be documented and discussed prior to departure.
- All camps will be budgeted for at the beginning of the year or where possible the previous year with detailed and accurate costing presented to the Principal. Parents will be notified of the exact costs and other relevant details of individual camps as soon as practicable.
- Students will not be excluded from camps simply for financial reasons. Parents experiencing financial difficulty will be encouraged to discuss their individual situation with the Principal.
- All families will be given sufficient time to make payments for individual camps. Parents will be sent reminder notices a month before the camp departure date reminding them of the need to finalise payment.
- Parents/guardians may be asked to collect from the camp, any student whose behaviour, whilst on camp, is deemed to place themselves or others at risk.
- Wherever possible, camps will cater for individuals with different needs.
- Parents must submit a confidential student medical report prior to departure.
- A staff member will be assigned as the Medical Officer. This person will be responsible for dispensing any necessary medication. Such medication must be accompanied by written instructions regarding administering the medication and handed to the staff member in charge prior to leaving for camp
- An adult, trained in First Aid (Level 2), will attend the camp.
- Essential communication, safety equipment and where ever possible, a staff car will be available at the camp.
- All staff, parents and volunteers attending the camp will hold a current Working With Children Check or equivalent.
- Students who do not attend camp will be provided with an alternative program.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.

School Council ratified this policy in 2014
Next review of this policy is in 2018