

Camps Policy

Rationale:

The School camping program enables students to further their learning and social skills development in a non-school setting.

Aims

- To provide all students with the opportunity to participate in a Camps and Tours program
- To provide shared experiences, and a sense of group cohesiveness
- To reinforce and extend classroom learning
- To provide a program that delivers skills and knowledge that may lead to a lifelong involvement in worthwhile leisure pursuits.
- To provide a program that promotes self-esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgement, cooperation and tolerance.

Implementation

- The School Principal should approve all camps before permission is sought from School Council.
- A camp is defined as any activity involving at least one night's accommodation
- The school council will ensure that all camps are maintained at a reasonable and affordable cost, and comply with DET requirements
- Camps will be budgeted for, and accurate costing presented to the Campus Business Manager in a timely manner.
- Students will not be excluded from camps for financial reasons.

Campus Principals are responsible for the conduct of all excursions and must ensure:

- an online notification of school activity form is completed prior to the activity
- a planning and approvals process is undertaken, in accordance with Departmental policy and requirements, which takes into account the following considerations:
 - venue selection
 - safety, emergency and risk management
 - informed consent from parents
 - medical information
 - appropriate staffing and supervision
 - student preparation and behaviour
 - requirements for any adventure activities.

All camps require School Council approval. This approval is to be sought at a scheduled School Council meeting prior to the camp departure date. Information to be presented will include:

- The educational aims/objectives of the camp
- The names of the adults attending and their expertise and experience
- Travel arrangements and costs
- Venue details and an itinerary of events
- Procedures to be followed to ensure the safety of the students
- Alternative program arrangements for students not attending the camp

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School's review cycle.

This Policy was ratified by School Council in May 2018.