

School Camp Policy

Rationale:

- Outdoor education is a key component of the Health and Physical Education curriculum.
- Students benefit from the educational challenges which are available through the activities conducted at school camps.
- School camps also enable students to experience elements of the history and science curriculum in an out of school environment.

Aims:

- All students from Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to attend a school camp each year.
- The school will identify camps which are considered appropriate for each year level.
- The school camping program will have direct relevance to other aspects of the curriculum program.

Implementation:

- The school camp program will be conducted during the school term.
- Year 3 camp will be of two days with one night away from home.
- Year 4 camp will be of three days.
- Year 5 camp will be of three or four days.
- Year 6 camp will be of four or five days.
- Teachers and educational support staff will supervise the students on camp.
- A risk assessment will be submitted to the School Council prior to the commencement of each camp.
- The DEECD Regional Office will receive the approved risk assessment documentation prior to the commencement of the camp.
- The teachers and school leadership will regularly review the school camping program to identify and recommend relevant and effective camps.
- The costings for each camp will be researched by the teacher in charge of the camp and submitted to the school leadership for approval.
- Student medications on camp will be held by a designated teacher and administered to the individual student according to the printed instructions on the original packaging.
- Records of medication administration will be maintained by the designated teacher.
- Students on camp will only be able to telephone their parents where the teacher in charge deems it appropriate.

Renewal and Approval:

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