

Camping Policy



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Policy Name	Camping	Approved	29 th March 2017
Responsibility	Principal/Business Manager	Date last updated	29 th March 2017

Rationale

The camping program enables students to further their learning and social skills development in a non-school setting. Camps may have a cultural, environmental or outdoor emphasis and are an important aspect of the educational programs offered at our school.

Aims

- To provide the opportunity to participate in a sequential camping program.
- To provide shared class experiences and a sense of group cohesiveness.
- To reinforce and extend classroom teaching programs.
- 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

- A camp is defined as any activity involving at least one night’s accommodation.
- The program will be developed sequentially throughout the school.
- The School Council will ensure that all school camps are maintained at a reasonable and affordable cost, and comply with all DET requirements.
- Teachers will ensure that challenging and appropriate learning and teaching activities are provided to students before and after the camp.
- Students will not be excluded from camps on account of their parents’ financial circumstances. Parents experiencing financial difficulty, who wish for their children to attend camp, will be required to discuss their individual situation with the Principal. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements will be made by the Principal on a case-by-case basis.
- All families will be given sufficient time to make payments for individual camps.
- Integration Aides may be required to attend school camps.
- A student deemed by the Principal to have a significant physical and or medical condition, may be required to be accompanied by a parent or parent’s nominee.
- A student may be deemed a risk to the safety and good conduct of the camp based on his or her behaviour in consultation with the classroom teacher, together with any detentions and suspension incurred by the students.
- A student deemed by the Principal to be a risk to the safety and good conduct of the camp, shall be excluded from attending the camp.
- Parent “helpers” will be selected on the basis of their capacity to support teachers in achieving the aims of the camp. Issues such as previous experience in working with groups of children within a school or the community, special skills and gender balance, will be taken into account.
- All parent “helper” require a satisfactory Police Check, Working with Children Check and the Principal’s approval to attend a school camp.
- When planning camp, Camp Coordinator will ensure that the venue complies with Child Safe Standards and all staff have the required checks.
- The First Aid Policy will be referred to per organisation of all camps.

Resources

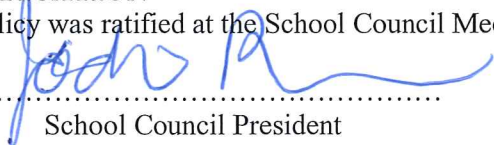
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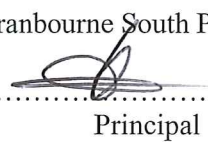
Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle and/or per local school agreement.

CERTIFICATION

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Cranbourne South Primary School, on Wed 29th March

Signed.....

 School Council President

Signed.....

 Principal

Wed 29th March
2017