

# C.P.S. CAMPS

## POLICY

### **AIM:**

To develop self-reliance, social skills, cultural experiences and outdoor education skills in a range of environments.

### **GUIDELINES:**

1. The school camping program will encompass a series of carefully graded and planned outdoor experiences.
2. Where practical, fully catered camps should be booked before the end of the preceding year. Prior to booking camps, the camp coordinators should check the following year's calendar for possible clashes. Eg. Public Holidays, major school events.
3. Details of each camp / overnight stay must be presented to School Council for official approval.
4. A truly successful camping program implies a high attendance rate from eligible students. When promoting student participation in proposed camps, having at least 85% of eligible students attending should be the minimal target.
5. Staffing school camps will be undertaken following consultation with the Principal and leadership team. When planning which staff attends a school camp, consideration needs to be made for the students remaining at school.
6. Details of the proposed camp / sleep-in must be entered via the designated DET website to the Office of Emergency Management in line with DET guidelines.
7. All DET regulations and guidelines must be strictly adhered to, when planning and implementing a camping program. NB. 1 Adult to 10 children supervisory ratio.
8. When selecting and planning a school camp, keeping the costs to a minimum should be a major priority, to encourage greater participation.
9. Parent / Guardian must complete approved, individual camp medical and consent forms.
10. Lead up and follow up activities should complement our school camps program.
11. Children not attending camps are expected to attend school
12. During camp weeks, employment of Casual Replacement Teachers and / or rearrangement of specialist teacher timetables may occur, to meet staffing requirements.
13. Parents/carers will be made aware that DET does not provide student accident cover including ambulance transport and that they need to make their own arrangements for cover.
14. Principals may need to cancel camps at short notice in extreme circumstances.

### **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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