

Camping & Excursions Policy



Overview

A camping program should allow students to experience activities and environments that cannot be reproduced in their everyday school life. The program should enable students to develop their social skills and build stronger relationships between their peers and teachers. The program should not be conducted in isolation but should enrich and extend the classroom curriculum.

Principles

Camps and overnight excursions will provide support for the school's teaching program. The middle school is to participate in an overnight excursion directly related to a current study in the curriculum.

The senior school is to participate in an annual camp that has an emphasis upon environmental and outdoor education.

All children should be given the opportunity to participate in all camps and overnight excursions.

Aims

Through the conducting of camps and overnight excursions at Flemington Primary School, it is expected that students will

- develop new skills and experience new environments
- develop a knowledge of environmental and adventure activities
- extend their curriculum knowledge outside the classroom
- develop their social skills eg. self esteem, self confidence and independence
- build a stronger relationship between students and their teachers.

Guidelines

- Year 3/4 students will participate in an overnight excursion to a venue appropriate for the Integrated Studies topic being covered.
- Year 5/6 students participate in an annual camp with a duration between 3-5 days to a venue appropriate for the Integrated Studies topic being covered.

- Before the end of each year decisions on the following year's venues should be finalised. This includes duration, cost, transport, participants , etc.
- Responsibility for organization shall be held by a teacher in the area in consultation with the Assistant Principal/ Principal.
- Interested teachers and parents shall be involved where suitable and practicable.
- If teacher coverage for students remaining at school is required, CRT costs should be budgeted into costing of camp.
- Appropriate timetable changes to specialist and yard duty should be made, where necessary by the coordinating teacher in consultation with the Assistant Principal
- Deposits will be non-refundable unless a doctor's certificate is produced. No refunds will be made without first consulting the Principal.
- School Council must be given full detailed information of the organization and program for each camp and overnight excursion. School Council approval must be obtained prior to the camp.
- It is the coordinators responsibility to complete a *notification of school excursion* form and fax to DEET Office of Emergency Management (fax: 9589 0543) prior to departure.

All Camps and excursions are to be authorized and approved venues. The Schools of the Future Reference Guide includes staff/student ratios and details for selection of camps.