



Willow Grove Primary School

SCHOOL CAMPS POLICY

PURPOSE

The School Camps Program aims to broaden the children's life experiences by exposing them to situations that they may not encounter in normal family life, in a safe supportive school environment, shared with their school friends and adult supervisors. The School Camps Program should aim to stimulate learning through a sense of excitement, challenge and purpose with these experiences being aligned to the school program and curriculum.

BROAD GUIDELINES

To provide enjoyable experiences that can promote aspects of personal and social development in the areas of self esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, making judgments, cooperation, teamwork, tolerance and determination.

To give children skills and knowledge that may be required for a lifelong involvement in worthwhile leisure pursuits.

To extend student's knowledge and awareness of a variety of physical environments.

To develop responsible attitudes towards personal and group safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Principal and teacher from the relevant grade area will coordinate and assist in the planning and evaluation of the Camping program for their specific grade area.
2. Bookings for school camps should be organised in the preceding year to ensure the availability of camp venues.

3. It is the responsibility of the teacher in charge in consultation with the Office Manager to provide parents with early notification of pending camps, so as to provide ample time for parents to pay for camps over an extended period of time.
4. All camps and overnight stays will be conducted in accordance with DET Guidelines
5. Teachers and parents expect a high standard of social behaviour from all participants.
6. School Council approval must be gained for all aspects of the Organisation of the camp.
7. Parents of children going on camp will be provided with a detailed program of the itinerary and an equipment and clothing list. Parents must provide the school with relevant information as to their child's medical condition and dietary requirements.
8. Each year requests will be made to parents to participate in school camps. Parents will be required to have a current Working with Children Check and this must be sighted and recorded by the Principal. All Parent Helpers must be endorsed by School Council.
9. A Level 2 First Aid trained staff member or parent helper will be present on the Camp.
10. The school reserves the right to exclude any child from the School Camps Program if their behaviour or attitude is considered unacceptable.
11. The School Camps Program will begin at Grade 2 with a sleepover at school and Year 3 to 6 students will experience a range of options which include urban and adventure camps.

Evaluation

1. This policy will be reviewed annually through the Parent Opinion Survey.
2. School Council will receive a report from the teacher in charge of the camps. Recommendations will be made.
3. This policy was reviewed by School Council in 2017.
4. Policy review will occur in 2020.