

Norwood Primary School Camp Policy 2014

RATIONALE

At Norwood Primary School we believe that incursions and excursions provide excellent opportunities for the enrichment of student learning. Teachers are committed to integrating these activities as part of their teaching and learning programs across R-7. Camps are viewed as one way in which the curriculum can be enhanced for students.

This policy seeks to provide a sustainable future for camps at our site and considers increasing enrolments; the impact of the DECD Education Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012; and increased documentation of 'risk' following the WHS Act 2012. This whole school approach ensures that all students in the same year group will undertake similar camp experiences, regardless of their class structure.

The DECD rationale is as follows....

'Activities such as camps and excursions can greatly enhance the progress of this learning, offering new, varied, challenging and practical experiences across the learning areas. In many instances these can become some of a student/child's most significant and meaningful educational experiences. All teachers should therefore seek to schedule such experiences in their educational programs. Of course, learning must occur in a safe environment which can best be achieved through thought and preparation based on sound planning and the information presented in this document (DECD Camps and Excursions Policy).'

POLICY

Two camps will be offered to students as they progress from year 3 to 7. These will operate in the year 3/4 group and the year 6/7 group across alternate years. An individual student will therefore experience a camp either as a year 3 and 6 student, or as a year 4 and 7 student.

In **2014**, there will be a year **3/4** camp and in **2015** there will be a **6/7** camp. This will continue as a rotating program.

In 'non camp' years, teachers will organise incursions and excursions that complement the learning program across social and academic aspects of the curriculum and meet with the DECD rationale around enrichment of learning opportunities.

Year 5 students will not be offered a camp, but will continue to be involved in incursions and excursions.

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