



CAMP POLICY

Rationale

St Francis of Assisi's Camp program for Year Five and Six students enables students to further their learning and social skills development in a non-school setting. Our camps have an outdoor emphasis and are an important aspect of the Religious and Health and Physical Education programs offered at our school.

Aim

- To provide all students with the opportunity to participate in a sequential camp program.
- To provide shared class experiences and a sense of group cohesiveness.
- To reinforce and extend classroom learnings.
- 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

- The program will be developed sequentially throughout the senior school.
- The Principal, Deputy Principals and Bursar will ensure that all school camps are maintained at a reasonable and affordable cost, and comply with all Catholic Education Melbourne requirements.
- The staff-student ratio for the camps is 1:10, that is, one adult to 10 children.
- Parents are provided with relevant information related to aims of the camp, dates and cost, as well as, features and facilities of the camp prior to students attending camp.
- All camps will be budgeted for at the beginning of the year with detailed and accurate costing presented to the Principal.
- Students will not be excluded from camps simply for financial reasons. Parents experiencing financial difficulty will be required to discuss their individual situation with the Principal. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements will be made by the Principal or Bursar on a case-by-case basis.
- All families will be given sufficient time to make payments for camp.
- The Bursar will be responsible for managing and monitoring the payments made by parents.
- Camps run for 3 days and 2 nights.
- Medicines (if required) must be labelled and in its original packaging. Prior to departing for camp, all medicines must be handed to the person in charge of first aid.
- No alcohol is permitted to be brought to camp or consumed at any point during the camp.

- All water based activities including the rock pool walk at Camp Manyung, Mt Eliza and the beach walk and canoeing at Phillip Island Adventure Resort, Phillip Island are aligned with the Department of Education Safety and Outdoors Guidelines especially in regard to management and safety issues relating to student water based sporting activities. These will be supervised by the camp's supervisors who are trained in these activities.
All documentation in this policy is aligned with the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Policy: Camps Procedures for MACS Schools.

Year Six Camp to Camp Manyung at Mt Eliza

Whilst on camp, students are involved in a variety of supervised activities:

- Flying Fox
- Team building games and activities
- High and low ropes
- Giant swing
- Rockpool walk
- Tennis, volleyball, basketball, football and netball

Year Five Camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort at Phillip Island

Whilst on camp, students are involved in a variety of supervised activities:

- Tour through 'Amazing Things Fun Park'
- Flying Fox
- Canoeing
- Disc Golf
- Low ropes
- Team building games and activities
- Tennis, volleyball, basketball, football and netball
- Beach walk

POLICY REVIEW

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