



SHERBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAMP POLICY

Purpose

At Sherbourne Primary School we provide camping experiences for all children to develop social, physical and academic skills outside the normal school environment.

Guidelines

- Camping experiences form an integral and integrated part of the total school program, including personal and interpersonal development.
- The camping program provides the opportunity for children to develop appreciation and respect for the natural environment.
- Children are given the opportunity to further develop the social skills of independence, responsibility, tolerance and co-operation.
- Through the camping program, students have the opportunity to have first hand experience in a wide range of activities in safe and enjoyable surroundings.
- All children are given the opportunity to participate in the camping experiences. Arrangements will be made to accommodate individual circumstances wherever possible.

Implementation

- The camping program will be a sequential program ranging from Prep to Grade 6;
Prep Breakfast at school.
 - Years 1 and 2* Extended whole day at Outdoor Education Facility participating in camp experiences. Alternate venue each year.
 - Years 3 and 4* Bush/Beach camp - alternate venue each year. 3 days/2 nights.
 - Years 5 and 6* Bush/Beach camp - alternate venue each year. 3 days/2 nights
- The camping program is dependent upon the availability of teachers, other relevant staff and parental support.
 - Overnight camps will not take place in Term 1.
 - School Council must authorise all camps. A full statement of risk management and all DET requirements for planning will be presented to School Council.
 - Risk management must include a bushfire plan. This should be done in conjunction with the camp operator to use their local knowledge.
 - Camping experiences will conform to the DET organisational and safety guidelines.
 - All school camps will be logged on the Department's Student Activity Locator two weeks prior to the event.
 - Parents will be utilised to assist in the effective running of camping activities. Priority will be given to parents of children with special needs, including anaphylaxis to attend camp as a parent helper and additional support for their child.
 - Parents and others attending a school camp must have viewed and signed the SPS Child Safe Code of Conduct and have a current Working With Children Check.
 - Staff/student ratios will reflect the needs of the children and type of camping experience but will be a minimum of 1:10 ratio
 - Staff will be familiar with camp location and facilities.
 - Buses with seatbelts and air conditioning will be used.
 - Every effort will be made to run the camping program at the lowest possible cost.
 - Camp costs are to be covered by the parents but financial assistance may be given at the discretion of the Principal.

- There will be flexibility in the payment structure to accommodate individual needs.
- In the event of any accident, injury or significant behaviour incidents on the camp the Principal should be contacted by phone.
- On days of extreme weather, fire danger or total fire ban, the Principal or their nominee may need to cancel a camping experience at short notice.
- Given duty of care responsibilities and Student Code of Conduct expectations, the Principal may exercise discretion in allowing students to participate in camping experiences.

Related Policies

- SPS Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- SPS Students with Disabilities Policy
- SPS Asthma Management Policy
- SPS Mobile Phone Policy
- SPS Supervision and Duty of Care Policy
- SPS Child Safe Policy

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the three-year review cycle

This policy was endorsed by School Council	November 2016
Due for review:	November 2019