

# Outdoor Education Policy

## **UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES**

1: We believe that children receive positive and beneficial outcomes from being involved with, and participating in the Outdoor Education program of the school. These outcomes arise from the opportunity to experience a unique learning environment outside the school context and in social terms of personal and relational growth.

## **PROCEDURES**

- 1: All children are expected to participate in the school's Outdoor Education program.
- 2: Staff are to ensure that camps, excursions, etc are efficiently planned and in accordance with guidelines set down by the school. A copy of all details must be forwarded to the principal for approval at least four weeks prior to the event.
- 3: When planning camps, staff must endeavour to provide for a ratio approximating 1 supervisor to 10 students.
- 4: Children will participate in two camps between Year 4 to 7 inclusive.
- 5: Parent participation in supervising of camps and excursions is both welcome and expected.
- 6: All volunteers must be on the approved register and have completed the Volunteer's Induction Course, in accordance with the Volunteers Policy.
- 7: Staff must make themselves aware of their role and obligations when planning a camp. Provision for the safety of students is paramount at all times.
- 8: Students who fail to adhere to camp rules or place themselves or others in danger through inappropriate behaviour will be excluded from the camp. It is the responsibility of the parent/s to collect the student/s.
- 9: The cost of camps/excursions/etc is to borne by parents, in addition to school fees.
- 10: No refunds in event of non-attendance or early withdrawal from camp.

## **BASES OF DISCRETION**

- 1: Camps and sleep-overs from Reception to Year 3 is optional, and will be determined by the class teacher, in consultation with the Junior Primary Coordinator and the Principal..
- 2: A 'traditional' year 7 Aquatics Camp has evolved as an annual feature of the graduating class. Additional, low-cost camps during Years 4 - 6 may be held; these will be determined after consultation with the principal. The aim is to get a minimum of 2 camps in the final four years of primary school.
- 3: The role of parents will vary, according to the nature of the camp and the degree of supervision provided there. Staff expectations of parent help must be explicitly expressed prior to the camp.
- 4: The Principal may exclude a student/s from a camp or excursion if in their opinion the student will not maintain an appropriate standard of behaviour.

## **RESOURCES**

1: This Policy is located in the School Council Policy Handbook, the Staff Handbook, and the Parents Information Handbook. It can be accessed from School's Website at [www.goldengrove.sa.edu.au](http://www.goldengrove.sa.edu.au)

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- 2: Staff will find procedural advice, checklists and guidelines in the 'Staff Handbook'.
- 3: The Volunteers Handbook is available at the school and on the school's website.

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