

Grange Primary School

Camps Policy

AIM

The overall aim of our school camps is to focus upon the building of positive relationships and interdependence amongst students and their class teachers. The school themes of identity, diversity, enjoyment, friendship and respect should be a feature of each camp. Camps also build upon curriculum outcomes through experiences away from school, and linked to the planned curriculum.

TIMING

Timed for term 1, 2 or 3.

Camps will be scheduled for terms 1, 2 or 3, where possible. This will assist in the building of relationships and provide sufficient time for further development during the year. It may take a few years to move all camps to an earlier time, given that camp bookings can be difficult to arrange.

CO-OPERATION

School camps will be conducted between similar year level teams/classes to reflect the working arrangements in the school- It is expected that all classes in a particular year level undertaking camps have the opportunity to be involved. The capacity of campsites, enrolment patterns and the philosophy of the school support a model involving same year levels on camp together.

SELECTION

Year level teachers will select campsite and program.

The teachers will seek feedback from parents and students about the proposed camp. However, year level teachers will make the decisions related to camps/sites and duration

DURATION

Length determined by teachers.

The duration of the camp will vary and be determined by the teachers involved. Camps will vary between one night and two night in general.

PARENT HELPERS

Teachers will select from a register of interested parents.

The offer by parents to assist as supervisors at camp is much appreciated. Parents will be asked to register their interest, availability and the skills they can provide for the year level camp. The teachers together with the leadership staff will select from this list and invite those parents. All parents involved in camps must have a recent police check.

FREQUENCY

Camps will be held at year 3-6 in alternative years as determined by staff. Where a teacher is unavailable, a replacement teacher will be sought from the current staff, to cover the camp experience eg.2013-Yr 3/4/5 2014- Year 6/7, 2015- Yr 3/4/5 2016-Year 5/6/7

REVIEW

The commitment to this 'School Camps Policy' is for three years and under normal circumstances will not be reviewed again until term 4 2014. At that time staff and Governing Council will be consulted as part of the review.