

Camp Policy

Deloraine Primary School | November 2018

1. Rationale

Camps:

- are an important part of educational programs to further learning
- develop social skills of independence and responsibility

School camps at DPS are undertaken generally in a non-school setting, but can take place on school grounds.

2. Aims

- To extend classroom learning
- To enable opportunity for camp experience
- To provide shared social experiences and a sense of group cohesiveness
- To develop co-operation, tolerance, resilience, self-esteem
- To promote leadership and team work
- To offer interesting, new or unique opportunities not available in a school environment
- To extend understanding of the physical and cultural environment

3. Connections

Educational curriculum links - Australian Curriculum

School Expectations: fostered from our values of Respect and Responsibility to promote learning, safety and caring for others.

4. Context

Camp at Deloraine Primary:

- is not compulsory, but considered an additional learning opportunity for students
- is an activity involving at least one night's accommodation
- is supported by staff availability and circumstances may impact on camp options and decisions from year to year

- is offered yearly to all 5/6 students - which may take place for all students at the same time or for combined classes at different times. All 5/6 classes will attend the same venue and have the same opportunity in any given year
- will be off-site every 2 years and on-site camp alternate years
- will be held for the duration of up to 3 days
- will involve 1 overnight stay in the hall and travel to venues for onsite camps
- will involve 2 nights accommodation beyond Deloraine, and visits to venues for offsite camps
- will involve varying venues, locations and days depending on student needs, numbers, accessibility, availability of accommodation and other organisational considerations

5. Implementation

- The Leadership Team will approve all school camps and School Association will be informed of camp arrangements prior to information being disseminated
- Camps are an outdoor education activity and are subject to specific planning and approval guidelines, that include appropriate emergency and risk management plans
- Supervision - the required adult to student ratios are maintained, all adults must have WWVP accreditation and include at least one qualified first aid person
- Student permissions and medical information will need to be completed by parents or carers and taken by teacher in charge
- Students will complete a responsibility agreement
- An approximation of a camp's total cost will be provided as early as possible and final payments will be required by a specific date prior to departure. Students will not be excluded for financial reasons and alternative arrangements will be considered on a case by case basis
- Personal devices are to be used in consultation with teachers, and comply with arrangements
- An information evening will be held for parents/carers and adult supervisors. The purpose is to cover a range of information inclusive of camp activities and routines, payment options, safety and medical information, roles and responsibilities of attending staff, and will have built in question time for clarification

- Parents will be required to collect their child from camp if their child exhibits behaviour that is considered unacceptable or they become unwell. Costs incurred will be the responsibility of the parent
- This policy will be reviewed biannually at the conclusion of the school camp program