Timboon P-12 School

Camps

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

1.1 To provide enjoyable first hand learning opportunities and experiences.
1.2 To promote leadership, social interaction, cooperation, and interdependence with peers, teachers and parents.
1.3 To extend the students’ environment and range of experiences.
1.4 To foster independence.
1.5 To develop skills relevant to the nature and purpose of the camp.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

The camping program should:

2.1 provide developmental experiences relevant to the student’s maturity and capabilities;
2.2 enhance school curriculum;
2.3 be available to all students in years 3 -12;
2.4 involve parents where appropriate;
2.5 concern staff directly associated with the year level involved and allow additional staff to attend on a voluntary/rotational basis.
2.6 include a person medically qualified to administer medication wherever possible.
2.7 Any volunteer staff/parent attending will have a current ‘Working With Children’
2.8 Camp records will show evidence of this.

3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

The program will include:

3.1 appropriate pre-skills and learning activities;

• a Year 3 local camp, fully catered for 2 nights during term 4 in cabin-style accommodation;
• a Year 4 urban camp, fully catered for 2 nights during term 4 in hostel-type accommodation;
• a Year 5 outdoor adventure camp, for 3 nights during term 2, focusing on outdoor education.
• a Year 6 leadership camp, focusing on leadership and team work.
• a Year 7 orientation camp to support the transition into secondary school.
• a Year 8 Surf Camp at Anglesea, fully catered for 2 nights in bunk house-style accommodation during term 4.
• Year 9 a series of outdoor education camp experiences made available to students, nature and venue determined by conditions, student interests and available staff.
• a year 10 Urban experience (Melbourne) camp for 2 nights/3 days.
• a year 11 Urban work experience (Melbourne).
• a year 12 orientation/motivational overnight camp.

3.2 The program will adhere to Ministerial Policy regarding camps and excursions.
3.3 Details of camps may vary due to changing circumstances.
3.4 A contingency fund will be maintained by the Principal to provide financial assistance if required.

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