



## BELLE VUE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL CAMPS POLICY

### RATIONALE

All students from Years 3 - 6 are invited to participate in the school's camping program which is an important part of the curriculum at these levels. Additionally, Year 1 & Year 2 students can participate in an overnight stay at school in preparation for the camping program from Year 3.

### PURPOSE

- To develop student independence, socialisation skills, knowledge and confidence through developed self-awareness.
- To provide guidelines for the school community.
- To raise awareness of the DET directives, guidelines and compliance requirements.

### AIMS

1. To encourage educational, creative, recreational, social, emotional and physical development in a safe and supportive environment away from home.
2. To provide enjoyable learning experiences which will promote aspects of personal development, including self-esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgment, co-operation, tolerance and determination.
3. To develop skills and knowledge that may lead to involvement in worthwhile leisure.
4. To provide opportunities for students to further develop interpersonal relationships with each other, their teachers and other adults.
5. To encourage responsible attitudes to personal and group safety.

### GUIDELINES & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. All students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to attend a school camp. This should not preclude other year levels from participating in similar activities at the discretion of the Principal.
2. The camping program should offer a variety of environments and experiences from level to level. It should cater for differing abilities and interests.
3. Where appropriate and safe, additional support should be utilised for students with special needs to enable them to attend camp.
4. Parent or volunteer involvement may be necessary to fulfil student/adult ratios. Selection of volunteers attending camp will be made using fair criteria and discussed with the Principal.
5. All camp and volunteer helpers must be approved by School Council upon recommendation from the Principal.
6. Guidelines, processes and paperwork are to be adhered to in relation to staffing, safety, supervision, transport and activities, as outlined in written DET advice relating to camps.
7. A Camp Checklist will be made available to all staff on T Drive, providing clear advice and DET resources in one document for camp coordinators.
8. In situations of known financial difficulties preventing a child's attendance at camp, the Principal may offer school financial support in the form of a timed payment arrangement or subsidy. The Principal should only approve school financial support in appropriate circumstances, on a confidential basis and at his/her discretion.

Staff should refer to the **Excursions and Camps Policy** for detailed Camp Procedures.

**RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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