CAMPS POLICY

Rationale:
Camping activities are seen as a valuable means of extending the social, physical and intellectual development of the students. Camping experiences also offer an opportunity for students to develop a sense of responsibility and a degree of independence.

Purpose:
The camping program will:
- Provide sequential development through the levels of the school
- Provide a range of experiences not readily attainable during school hours
- Provide a range of experiences not readily available within the school site
- Be mindful of both educational and social outcomes
- Be purposeful, meaningful and complement the whole school curriculum

Guidelines for Implementation:
1. The proposed camp area should be visited if possible, or investigated by a member of staff.
2. Activities will include provision for day and night, as well as wet and dry conditions.
3. A DEECD approved First Aid Kit will be taken when travelling and be readily available throughout the camp in accordance with the First Aid policy.
4. Provision will be made for the transport of a sick or injured person from the site.
5. All DEECD requirements/provisions regarding camps must be fulfilled, inclusive of the use of the Student Activity Locator Tool www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/school/sal
6. Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 camps will take place every second calendar year.
7. Parents will be offered the opportunity to “pay-off” camp fees.
8. The exclusion of a student from camp remains at the Principal’s discretion.
9. Students not attending camp will be expected to attend school as usual.
10. A non-refundable deposit will be requested to insure that camps remain financially viable.

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<td>Prep</td>
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<td>Grade 1</td>
<td>evening meal/activities after hours at school — every year.</td>
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<td>Grade 2</td>
<td>Sleepover (for one night) at school – every year.</td>
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<td>Grades 3 and 4</td>
<td>3 day/2 night sleepover at campsite within approximately one hour’s drive of Bendigo.</td>
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<td>Grades 5 &amp; 6</td>
<td>3 day/2 night camp in/near Melbourne/adventure type camps.</td>
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Resources:
Wodonga South Primary School Webpage
Whipstick Environment Centre Guidelines
Department of EducationVELS documentation