



CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS PAYMENT

PURPOSE

It is an expectation that all children will have the opportunity to attend a school camp each school year. It is expected that families will meet the cost of the camp prior to attendance at the camp unless alternative arrangements are made with the Principal. Camp costs are kept to a minimum to ensure that financial strain is not placed on school families. The same guidelines are applied to excursions.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- A schedule of proposed camps and excursions will be circulated to parents within the first half of term one to allow families to plan for expenditure. Camps and excursion costs will be kept to a reasonable level.
- Details of proposed camps including the cost will be circulated to families at least six weeks prior to the camp. Families will have the option to pay the full cost of the camp or in instalments. The camp or excursion will be paid for in full prior to the child's attendance unless other arrangements have been made with the Principal.
- Details of proposed excursions including the cost will be circulated to families at least ten days prior to the proposed event.
- Where there is financial hardship, the Principal has the discretion to make alternative arrangements regarding payment. This may include a longer schedule for payment in instalments, a reduced payment or offsetting EMA against the cost of camps and excursions.
- Where payment of previous excursions has not been completed, children may not attend any other excursions until this is finalised.
- These guidelines will also apply to payment for the swimming program.
- Where a child is excluded or returned from a camp or excursion for unacceptable behaviour, money paid, (including deposits) is non refundable.
- All camp deposits are non refundable, irrespective of circumstances.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

Adopted by School Council – July 2011