



# Mt. Macedon Primary School

## CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS POLICY

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Camps and Excursions is to offer students learning opportunities beyond the classroom which support the class program and the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). The aim is to engage the students and motivate them in their learning.

### **Guidelines:**

Camps and Excursions should:

- Further develop interpersonal and social skills of the students
- Support curriculum units within the grade
- Develop sequentially over a 7 year period
- Develop students' initiative, cooperation and social abilities as a group.
- All camps and excursions will be chosen by staff and should be linked to class programs.
- All Camps and Excursions will be organised in accordance with DEECD planning documents and guidelines.
- All camps will be recorded on the DEECD Notification of School Activity Form which can be found at [www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/school/sal/enteractivity.asp](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/school/sal/enteractivity.asp)
- All camps and excursions are required to have School Council approval.

### **Implementation:**

- Preps will have an annual after school event in 4<sup>th</sup> Term with activities for students as an introduction to the school's camping program.
- Grade 1 and 2 will have an opportunity to attend a sleepover at school every second year.
- Grade 3 and 4 will have an opportunity to attend a camp every second year.
- Grade 5 and 6 will have a yearly camping experience. One camp will focus on the development of skills in the Physical, Personal and Social Learning strands of VELs e.g. teamwork and leadership. The other camp will be linked to units of work being studied that year.
- Parent Helpers will be required to assist on most camps and excursions. Parents who participate will do so under the 'Working with Children' guidelines.
- Camps and Excursions will be evaluated by teachers and students on each occasion as to the relevance and success in supporting the curriculum.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed with staff, students, parent and community input as part of the school's three year review cycle.