CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

Values

Trust, Care, Justice, Equity.

Definition

Camps and Excursions are defined as activities generally conducted off school grounds for sporting, educational and/or religious purposes.

Policy

Camps and excursions provide valuable experiences for students to enhance classroom learning and further develop life-skills. Camps and excursions contribute to lasting friendships, the faith and personal formation of young people, and to school and church identity and values.

Guidelines:

Camps and excursions will be based on the current school curriculum. Camps and excursions are an extra-curricular activity and are planned at the discretion of school administration and staff. Camps and excursions must be approved by the Principal prior to planning. Parents will be advised of costs associated with the camp/excursion, preferably no later than six weeks before the planned event. Parental permission and student medical details will be collected using the appropriate documentation. Camps and excursions will be accessible to all students with all reasonable efforts made to enable students with disabilities to participate. Camps and excursions are considered an extension of school and therefore the same Code of Conduct is expected by all students, staff and parent volunteers during the duration of the camp/excursion. Behaviour Management, Anti-Bullying and other school policies shall continue to be applicable on all camps and excursions. Appropriate modifications to the consequences for breaches of these policies may be needed and be advised upon to staff, students and families prior to the camp/excursion. Students will not be permitted to take mobile devices on camps and excursions. Fundraising will not be used to subsidise the cost of camps/excursions.

Adult to student ratio for camps and excursions will be based on a risk assessment completed by the relevant staff. Supervision of the students attending camps and excursions will be based on Diocesan guidelines. Staff will predominantly supervise on camps and excursions, with one staff member being the overall manager. However, if there is a valid need for further adult support, parents will be invited to volunteer. In determining which parents will accompany students on the camp/excursion, several factors may be taken into consideration:

> Blue card requirements.
> First Aide requirements.
> Specific needs/requirements of individual children.
> Whether parents have been on previous camps and excursions.

All parents will be notified of the supervising team for camps and excursions.

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