



CAMPS & EXCURSIONS POLICY (DRAFT 10.9.2020)

Rationale

The Department for Education Camps and Excursion Guidelines emphasise learning in the following ways:

- through and for personal and social action
- within and about wider community
- with practical applications

Activities such as camps and excursions can greatly enhance the progress of this learning, offering new, varied, challenging and practical experiences across the learning areas. In many instances these can become some of a student's most significant and meaningful educational experiences.

GGPS will schedule such experiences in the learning program and ensure that learning occurs in a safe environment, which can best be achieved by thought and preparation based on sound planning and the information presented in this document.

The purpose of camps and excursions is to enrich the experiences for a cohort of students and therefore all students in the classroom cohort should be given the opportunity to participate. Costs will be organised and communicated to ensure that there is no undue financial burden imposed upon individual members of the group or their families. The support needs of students with disabilities or medical conditions will be carefully considered and consultation will be undertaken with parents and caregivers. Unless exceptional circumstances exist, appropriate support will be provided for all students so they can access the learning experiences available through camps and excursions.

Guidelines

Camps and excursions are offered to Golden Grove Primary School students within the following guidelines:

1. Camps are offered every second year to students in Years 4 – 7 (until 2021) and Years 3 – 7 (from 2022). Students therefore have the opportunity to attend two camps during their primary school years. (See table below for adjustment required due to COVID in 2020 and the Year 7 move to High School in 2022)
2. Teachers will enrich learning programs by planning at least one relevant excursion per year.
3. All camps and excursions will have links to learning as outlined in the Australian Curriculum.
4. All camps and excursions will be organised and implemented in line with the Department for Education's Camps and Excursions Policy (Version 2.2, July 2020). This policy provides requirements in relation to:



- a. Duty of Care
 - b. Education and early childhood services national law and regulations
 - c. Inclusivity
 - d. Disability Standards
 - e. Child protection
 - f. Risk management
 - g. Incident reporting
 - h. Parents on camps or excursions
 - i. Site based contact person
 - j. Bushfire prone areas
 - k. Consent
 - l. Planning a camp or excursion
 - m. Alcohol, drugs and smoking
 - n. Roles and responsibilities: teacher in charge, workers, site leader, instructors, volunteers
5. Teachers will complete and submit an ED169 Application form and a GGPS Excursion Procedure form to the Principal for approval at the planning stage of the camp/excursion.
 6. All camps and excursions will be cost effective and be accessible to all students. Subsidy is available for students in financial difficulty – please alert the Principal to any students who have indicated that they will not be involved so inquiries can be made. Whenever possible, the timing of camps and excursions will take into account other financial requests/amounts payable to parents throughout the year.
 7. Parents/Caregivers wishing to attend a school camp, sleep over or excursion must have a current Department for Communities and Social Inclusion clearance (DCSI) and Responding to Abuse and Neglect certificate (RAN).

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
2016		1st	1st	2nd	2nd
2017 non					
2018		1st	1st	2nd	2nd
2019 non					
2020		*4cancelled (COVID)	*5cancelled (COVID)	2nd	2nd
2021 non		1st	1st	1 only	
2022	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	
2023 non					
2024	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	

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Principal: Wendy Moore

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