

# CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS POLICY

2/9/09

## **SECTION ONE: OVERVIEW**

The Camps, Excursion and Incursion Policy at Somerville Rise Primary School supports the school curriculum. Camps, excursions and incursions provide the students with educational, physical and social experiences to complement experiences provided in the school environment. Camps, excursions and incursions enhance and support the delivery of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS).

Camps are seen as part of Outdoor Education experiences.

## **SECTION TWO: BASIC BELIEFS**

The following basic beliefs guide the implementation of the Camps, Excursions and Incursions Policy:

- school organised camps will be sequential and cater for all students at Year 2, Year 4 and 6
- students in Year 5 will be given the opportunity to participate in the DEECD camp at Somers on a biennial basis
- *SNOW CAMP- Students from grades 2 – 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a snow camp.*
- excursions and incursions will complement the school's Integrated units through participation in real-life experiences
- camps and excursions will provide learning opportunities outside the classroom
- camps, excursions and incursions will benefit and support the Student Well Being Policy
- parental involvement on camps and excursions will provide valuable support for the teachers and students
- camps, excursions and incursions will provide enjoyable learning experiences for the students
- camps, excursions and incursions will promote an appreciation of different learning environments
- camps, excursions and incursions will allow students to practise appropriate behaviour in a variety of situations and settings
- camps, excursions and incursions will provide opportunity for students to develop organisation, persistence, getting along, confidence and resilience skills.

### **SECTION THREE: REVIEW PERIOD**

The Camps, Excursion and Incursion Policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis.

### **SECTION FOUR: RESPONSIBILITY FOR REVIEW:**

The Education Committee, under the direction of the Principal, will be responsible for this review. Recommendations for change will be referred to School Council for discussion and ratification.

**Responsibility:**

Education Committee

**Prepared by:**

Education Committee

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**Approved by School Council:**