

OUTDOOR EDUCATION POLICY 2010 S4



RATIONALE:

- To increase students knowledge, appreciation and care of the natural environment
- To enable students to further develop their social skills, promote team building and self esteem through activities
- To use the camp or sleepover experience to reinforce personal development skills
- To give students an awareness of different environmental settings and the rules associated with each
- To enable students to develop independence by being away from home

OBJECTIVES:

- Students will learn through living together as a community – overnight or for several days
- Students will participate in a variety of social, outdoor and domestic activities
- The curriculum before and after the camp will relate to students learning during the camp and will be linked to integrated studies where appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Camps require approval from School Council and the Principal
- A planning form is to be submitted to the Principal and a Displan form to the region
- All students at Stonnington Primary School will be encouraged to participate in the Outdoor Education program
- Junior School children will have a sleepover experience
- Senior School children will have a camp experience
- Senior camps will have a 3 – 4 day camp rotating annually between three different camp settings – beach, bush and bike-riding when possible
- A related camp program will be conducted at school for those not going to camp
- Parents will be informed of the camp and will be given the option of using a payment plan
- Camps will be booked during the previous year to ensure suitable times, weather and suitability to the year's program

EVALUATION:

- Following each camp a report will be written within one month to assist future organisers. The report will evaluate the venue, transport, budget, activities, catering, time of year, students behaviour and any other relevant factors. This report will be presented to School Council.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle

This policy supports the Stonnington Primary School Well-being Policy and should be read in conjunction with this.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Ratified by School Council:

School Council President: _____

Glen Noble

Principal: _____

Anne McPhee