Camp and Excursion Policy

This policy provides a framework for Roseworthy Primary School to plan and undertake camps and excursions that allow all students to move safely and effectively beyond the site setting to participate in an array of learning experiences offered within the community and natural environment.

This Policy is a guide for local context and should always be read in conjunction with the DfE Guidelines for Camps and Excursions: https://www.education.sa.gov.au/policies/shared/camps-and-excursions-policy.pdf

Roseworthy Primary School aims to provide opportunities for students to participate in external camp activities at least twice in the course of their primary school education. These external activities are planned during the year.

The opportunities for learning are linked to the Australian Curriculum and personal development include:

- learning about the environment, through hands-on activities in and outdoors.
- opportunities to develop leadership and resourcefulness through accepting challenges and working as a team.
- units of inquiry planned around the camp experience.

Scheduled Camps

Year 5 and 6 students

From 2025 each year students will experience a camp that is a minimum of one night and maximum of two night every year. This experience will be subject to camp availability, cost, staff availability and access. Camps will be subject to 80% of the cohort committing to attend.

Scheduled Excursions

Year 6 Students

Students will attend West Lakes Aquatics instead of formal swimming lessons (if this is not done through the camp process). This experience will give students unique experiences that are external to the classroom.

Excursions

The number of excursions in any one year will vary amongst classes and depend upon the classroom teachers' evaluation of the needs of students.

Incursions

Staff have the opportunity to provide these during the year to complement curriculum delivery. The school will endeavour to subsidise all visiting performances, subject to budget availability.

Social Justice Fund

Roseworthy Primary School has access to a Social Justice Fund to support families experiencing financial hardship. This will be communicated to families in the information notes sent home to parents/caregivers for all camps and excursions.

Payment plans will also be available for all educational experiences.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by Governing Council in.....

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