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PALLARA STATE SCHOOL CAMP POLICY

Rationale:

Camps, as with other excursions, are seen as an integral part of the school curriculum as they enable students to explore, extend and enrich their learning and their social skill development, in a non-school setting. Camps may include a cultural, environmental or outdoor emphasis and are an important aspect of the educational programs offered at our school. A camp is defined as any activity that involves at least one night's accommodation.

All students from Year 3 to Year 6 are required to attend at least one school camp per year. The school camp program will be designed to support the Australian Curriculum and Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority requirements. Pallara State School will comply with the Education Queensland School Excursion Policy for all school camp programs.

Purpose:

- ❖ To provide students with the opportunity to participate in a camping program that is linked to social, cultural and educational outcomes for students.
- ❖ To provide shared class and year level experiences, team building and a sense of group cohesiveness.
- ❖ To reinforce and extend classroom learning.
- ❖ To provide a program that delivers skills and knowledge that may lead to a lifelong involvement in worthwhile leisure pursuits.
- ❖ To provide a program that promotes self-esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgement, cooperation and tolerance.
- ❖ To further develop the problem solving and life survival skills of students.
- ❖ To extend understanding of their physical and cultural environment.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL:

The Principal / Principal's Delegate has a responsibility to:

- supervise the organisation of a camp
- ensure suitable arrangements and provisions are made for the safety of students and adults involved in the camp, especially those with food allergies / anaphylaxis and/or other medical conditions such as asthma
- ensure that financial costs allow for all students to participate
- ensure that the program is balanced and suitable for the age group

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEACHERS:

The teacher-in-charge must:

- submit OneSchool Excursion Planner
- communicate with the camp staff at the time of confirmation and then at least 1 Term prior to the date any information relating to medical conditions such as

anaphylaxis and asthma

- liaise with camp organisers and parents of students in regards to medical and dietary requirements
- establish that camp staff are sufficiently trained to manage students with anaphylaxis and asthma
- ensure up-to-date medical information is provided by parents and adequate medication is provided

Teachers have a responsibility to:

- provide opportunities for a wide range of educationally valuable outdoor experiences through camps
- ensure that a camp does not discriminate against students because of cost
- notify parents of the intent, purpose, venue, date and requirements of camps to be held well in advance
- ensure that all camp fees are received no less than 3 weeks prior to the event
- ensure that when using private cars each child wears an approved seatbelt and the vehicle is registered and has Third Party insurance cover
- ensure that all medical information and medication is collected and available
- complete an evaluation of the camp/excursion

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS:

Students have a responsibility to:

- participate in class planning for the camp
- follow the direction of teachers and parent helpers
- observe school and class rules
- act responsibly with other students
- act responsibly to care for other's property and rights
- be responsible for one's own belongings
- provide feedback on the camp

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS:

Parents have a responsibility to:

- support the school's program by encouraging their child's participation in camps
- support the camp code of conduct
- provide full up to date medical information to the teacher in charge and any required medication for students with medical conditions
- provide up-to-date information to the teacher-in-charge in regards to any medical conditions

PALLARA STATE SCHOOL CAMP SCHEDULE:

Year 3: The Year 3 students will attend a one-night sleep over at school. Intended to develop independence skills and prepare the students for camp in future years.

Year 4: The Year 4 students will attend a two-night camp at a beach location. The camp is designed to promote teamwork, develop communication skills, and enhance students' environmental awareness through activities such as beach exploration, team challenges, and cultural experiences.

Year 5: The Year 5 students will attend a two-night bush camp. The camp aims to provide a unique outdoor education experience that promotes leadership, personal growth, teamwork, and character development through activities such as abseiling, archery, obstacle courses, and bush survival skills.

Year 6: The Year 6 students will attend a two/ three-night camp at a beach location (Tallebudgera Beach School/ Runaway Bay Sports Performance Centre). The camp is designed to build leadership skills, promote environmental awareness, and enhance students' personal and social development.

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