



ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINGAROY



GENERAL CAMP/EXCURSION POLICY

Camps and excursions are an important part of the school curriculum. At the Information Night early each year, teachers will discuss the camp and any excursions for each class.

AIMS OF SCHOOL CAMPS

1. To help children acquire an appreciation of God's creation and an awareness of the natural environment.
2. To develop among the children a growing sense of Christian fellowship.
3. To provide each child with the opportunity to develop confidence in his/her ability to cope purposefully and adequately with an environment different from that of his/her home area.
4. To develop skills of co-operation between members of a group.
5. To develop skills of social adjustment in differing environments.
6. To promote an appreciation of outdoor adventure experiences and develop knowledge and skills to provide a basis for future outdoor recreational activities.

To enable students to gain experience in the above areas, we have developed a Camping Program within our curriculum and have chosen venues that relate to topics discussed within the classroom.

Year	Duration	LOCATION
3	2 nights	Duckadang
4	2 nights	Currimundi
5	2 nights	Mapleton
6	4 nights	Canberra
7	2 nights	Emu Gully
8	2 nights	Coolum
9	4 nights	Adventure Challenge

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CAMP HELPERS

The following information is for parents who may be considering volunteering their time and services to attend a St John's camp.

- Each year, we ask for parent volunteers to provide support for the teachers in the residential camping program, as taking 50 to 70 students on an excursion away from their home environment is a very demanding task. Those who choose to assist in this way have a great responsibility as it is a 24-hour-a-day commitment. Parents, like teachers, have to be accountable for all for all students in their care for the duration of the camp.

- The school camp co-ordinator will organise a **mandatory** meeting with camp helpers at least one week before the camp commences. If this meeting is not attended, a parent will not be able to attend the camp. At this meeting, parents will be given further detailed information about the program and the processes that will be followed whilst on camp.
- St John's has a 'no alcohol' policy and all camps are both alcohol and smoke free zones.
- To be considered as a helper on camp, you must have completed the Safe Place training prior to putting your name forward for selection. At times, consideration may also be given to parents or helpers who have certain skills for particular situations. Their relevant skills or qualifications may be of assistance or may enhance the camping experience in that instance, e.g. current canoeing, life-saving or first aid certificates, etc.
- The selection process has a priority system in place so that parents\guardians who have not previously had the chance to attend a camp are entered into the first round draw of names. In the case of insufficient numbers or gender ratio of first time helpers, a second draw open to interested parents/guardians may follow. This process will hopefully allow as many parents as possible to attend camp with their children, although no guarantees are possible. Day visits by other parents may be negotiated with the school.
- These criteria apply as the school is ultimately responsible for all children on camp, and all needs and situations must be considered when a camp is being organised. The school reserves the right to confirm who attends camps.