



CAMPS POLICY

Aim

Camps at Brookside P-9 College are used to further develop the social and emotional wellbeing of students. Further to this, camps can complement the curriculum taught from Prep-Year 9. They provide students with the opportunity to build resilience, develop leadership skills and cultivate relationships with teachers and peers.

All camps must be planned with a clear intention. Year level camps will coincide with transition points.

Camps must be fully cost-neutral unless prior agreement is sought from the Business Manager and/or Principal.

Year Level Camp Program Overview

	Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Camp Destination	Brookside P-9 College Prep Breakfast	Brookside P-9 College Stay Late	Brookside P-9 College Sleepover	Log Cabin Camp	Alexandra Adventure Resort	Camp Rumberg	Canberra Bush Capital Lodge Camp
Camp Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First event of the Brookside Camping Program. - Students come to school early and sit down as a cohort to have breakfast. - Students come in their pyjamas and independently get dressed into their school uniform after the breakfast. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students remain at school after hours. - They start with an afternoon snack and then complete a series of fun, engaging activities developing team work and gross motor skills. - Towards the end of the evening students sit down together and eat dinner. It is then followed by a performance to family and friends after which students are dismissed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This event prepares students for the transition to external camps. - Students return to school in the evening where they prepare their bedding and then participate in a number of fun, engaging, hands on activities that vary across different subject areas. Students stay overnight, supervised by a number of Brookside teachers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 3 Camp is the first external camp of the Brookside Camping Program. It is a 3 day, 2 night stay at Log Cabin Camp in Creswick. - Students participate in a number of outdoor, initiative and team building activities including; canoeing, cooking, night walking, archery, giant swing and a flying fox. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a 3 day, 2 night stay at Camp Alexandra in Alexandra. -Students participate in a number of outdoor, initiative and team building activities including; obstacle course, cooking, night walking, archery, giant swing and a flying fox. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a 3 day, 2 night camp at Foster North (near Leongatha). - Students participate in a range of adventure activities including; raft building, low/high ropes course, archery, abseiling, bush craft, initiative games, giant swing, flying fox and a mud run. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a 5 day, 4 night stay at Bush Capital Lodge Camp in Canberra. -Students will have the opportunity to participate and engage in various activities/tours of Canberra.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Camp Destination	Lake Dewar Lodge YMCA	Waratah Beach Camp	Runaway Bay Camp
Camp Description	<p>- Year 7 Camp is a 3 day, 2night stay at YMCA Lake Dewar Camp, Myrniong (near Bacchus Marsh).</p> <p>- Students participate in a variety of adventure and team building games including; flying fox, orienteering, adventure tunneling, canoeing, raft building and the Gorrong Rocks Gorge Walk.</p>	<p>Year 8 camp is a 3 day, 2 night stay in Phillip Island.</p> <p>-Students will engage in a variety of outdoor activities which includes rock pool exploration, beach walks and team building tasks.</p>	<p>Year 9 Camp is a 7 day, 6 night stay at Runaway Bay; BLK Performance Group in Queensland .</p> <p>-Students will have the opportunity to participate and engage in various activities/tours of Queensland.</p>

Curriculum Camps

Year level camps will also be supplemented with curriculum based camps for specific subjects. These camps will be made up of smaller groups with specialised teaching staff. This will cater to student interest and will be offered either:

- As required due to subject demands.
- On a two yearly cycle.

The college currently offers camps for Year 9 Outdoor Education. All new camps are subject to School Council approval.

Implementation

- The principal class will be responsible for the implementation and supervision of this policy and ensure that all camps are conducted within Government and School Council guidelines.
- A Forward Planning document must be submitted for all excursions.
- Teachers must comply with the requirements for camps as set out and as detailed in the School Reference Guide and relevant memorandums.
- Camps should be integrated with learning and teaching experiences.
- Camps for which students are required to pay will be carefully monitored and costs kept to a minimum.
- Parents and teachers must be notified at least three months before a camp.
- A full costing of the event must be provided to the Principal/Assistant Principal for approval via forward planning and detail total costs.
- Final payment for all excursions should be no later than agree date. Late Payments for excursion will only be accepted after permission is sought from the Business Manager and Principal class.
- A first aid kit, a list of students permitted to go on the camp and emergency contact phone numbers and a mobile phone will be taken on all camps. Special consideration will be made for students with anaphylaxis alerts. Teachers in charge are to see the Health Centre Nurse for advice and special medical kit.

- A list of students attending the camp must be sent to the office. The office must also be advised of the placement of students not attending the excursion prior to departure. This must be organised by the teacher in charge.
- All records of camps must be presented to the office for archiving immediately upon completion.
- Event organisers must ensure that excursions are carefully calculated to avoid a loss.
- Parents with a WWCC may be invited to assist staff on camps, if staffing availability does not meet required ratio.
- Any subsidies for costs must be approved by the college principal.

Camp Expectations

Staff and Students are expected to uphold the values of the school whilst on school activities. Prior to any camp students, parents/carers and staff will be briefed on the school's expectations of their behaviour. Any significant breach of these expectations may result in students being sent home from camp or picked up.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the college's 3 year review cycle or more often if necessary due to changes in regulation or circumstances.

Last reviewed August 2020 and will be updated August 2021.

