**Camps/Excursions/ Cultural Visits Policy**

**Purposes:**
1. To actively encourage social development, and build personal relationships, away from the school environment.
2. To enhance classroom programs, by providing learning experiences that are not usually accessible at school.
3. To make observations about the students in a different environment, thereby increasing understandings of their behaviour at school.
4. To develop independence and self-esteem, through promoting active participation and involvement in new experiences.

**Guidelines:**
1. All students should be encouraged to attend camps and excursions.
2. Classroom teachers are responsible for actively including camps and excursions into class programs, in accordance with the overall school camps and excursions program.
3. Parents should be informed early in the year about planned camps and excursions, and approximate costings.
4. The School Council should be asked to approve all camps and excursions.
5. The program should encourage interests in, and experiences of, life beyond the classroom, and should enhance theme development in the classroom.
6. Camps should be booked a year in advance, to ensure that timing fits in with curriculum planning.
7. Japanese Day should be seen as a major opportunity for all students to learn about another culture.

**Implementation:**
1. All grades will be involved in the camps, excursions and cultural visits program. Wherever possible, students will be involved in planning of camps and excursions.
2. All DEECD requirements will be strictly adhered to.
3. School Council will be given the information needed for approval.
4. The school must be notified of any medical needs of students, and updated plans (asthma, anaphylaxis, etc) included with medical details.
5. Parents will be asked to be involved in assisting in various ways.
6. Payment, particularly for large amounts, will be able to be made in a variety of ways, including regular fortnightly deposits.
7. Students and families will be notified of any other camp opportunities offered by DEECD, eg Somers
8. One major excursion will be undertaken each year, along with local excursions which enhance community connections.
9. Japanese Day will be planned for all students to participate in Tabloid Games activities with visiting students.
10. All families will be given the opportunity to host Japanese students.
11. Incursions will be included when appropriate.
12. A broad outline of the camps program will be:

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