CAMPS, EXCURSIONS, SPORT AND SWIMMING POLICY

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DEECD DOCUMENTATION
The following DEECD website relates to this area:

Belief
Zeerust School Council believes that sport, swimming education, camps and excursions are important to the development of the child’s physical, social, cultural and academic development.

Council Guidelines
Notwithstanding the directions found in the on-line school reference guide, which are subject to amendment, the Principal is to ensure that a staff member is appointed to maintain and carry with the travelling group:

- A list of participating students which identifies those students with pre-existing medical conditions of concern,
- A small bum-pack sized first aide kit,
- A personal mobile phone,

The Principal is to ensure that DEECD emergency services is informed of activities involving a significant proportion of the student population outside of the local area.

Teaching staff are to present a post-activity report at the subsequent council meeting.

Sport
All Zeerust students are to prepare for, and participate in, the cluster athletic sports.

Senior Zeerust students are to given opportunities to participate in sports and games as might be organised by the EGPSSA (East Goulburn Primary School Sports Association) and/or the cluster. Students selected for zone and beyond, are to be given the opportunity to attend. Families are responsible for the transport of their child[ren] to, and from, the athletic sports day and zone sports held locally.

- Minuted council approval is required for the children (and adult volunteers) to participate in this activity.
- Written family permission is required for this activity.
- The amount sought from parents/guardians requires the approval of school council where the cost of the activity and transport combined exceeds $10 each child.

Swimming
All Zeerust students are to participate in a nationally recognised swimming program at an appropriate venue on an annual basis. A properly qualified person or organisation is to be engaged
to run the program. It is understood that bookings, up to 12 months in advance, may be necessary to secure a facility and swimming coordinator. The children are to be transported by local bus company to, and from, the venue.

- Minuted council approval is required for this activity.
- Written family permission is required for this activity.
- It is expected that each family will contribute toward the cost of this activity. This may be all at once, or by instalment.
- It is expected that Parent Club will contribute toward the cost of this activity.

**Camps**

For parent volunteers, the cost of travel, accommodation and meals are to be borne by the school

Where good behaviour warrants their involvement, all students will be invited to participate in departmentally approved camps. These may be independently organised by Zeerust Primary School or in conjunction with other schools. The children are to be transported by an accredited means of transport. Where good behaviour warrants their involvement grade P, 1 and 2 students will be invited to participate in overnight sleepovers.

- Principal approval is required for this activity.
- Minuted council approval is required for the children to participate in this activity.
- Written family permission is required for this activity.
- It is expected that each family will pay the entire cost of this activity. This may be all at once or by instalments.
- Parent volunteers must have a current working with children check.

**Excursions**

Where possible excursions should try and support the planned curriculum, although it is understood that there will be opportunities for non-specific events at local venues.

The school may request each family to organise the transport of their own child[ren], to and from an event, where the activity is a local one and will run for the bulk of the school-day. Otherwise a local bus company is to be engaged to transport the children.

- Principal approval is required for this activity.
- Minuted council approval is required for the children to participate in this activity.
- Written family permission is required for this activity.
- The amount sought from parents/guardians requires the approval of school council where the cost of the activity and transport combined exceeds $10 each child.

**Parents & Friends Excursion**

This will be arranged once a year and is intended as an excursion for the school community. Students and playgroup and their younger siblings will attend free of charge.

- Principal approval is required for this activity.
- Minuted council approval is required for the children to participate in this activity.
- Written family permission is required for this activity.
- The amount sought from parents/guardians requires the approval of school council where the cost of the activity and transport combined exceeds $10 each child. Parent or carer entry to venues may have to pay full entrance fees depending upon P&F funds.

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