



Marian College Ararat

Camps and Excursions Policy

Rationale	<p>Camps and Excursions offer enrichment and broadened learning experiences and give the opportunity to enhance relationships. They are an important part of the curriculum and all students are expected to attend and participate.</p> <p>Camps and excursions offer enrichment and broadened learning experiences and provide important social and emotional development opportunities. They can support student learning beyond the classroom, helping to deepen students' understanding of curriculum content through hands-on activities, cultural exposure and practical applications.</p>
Policy Statement	<p>At Marian College Camps and Excursions are included as an integral aspect of the educational program. Excursions, where appropriate, will be provided across all learning areas to complement classroom learning and provide diverse learning opportunities. This policy sets out requirements for the planning and safe undertaking of camps and excursions.</p>
Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camps and Excursions must have a valid educational purpose with clear aims and a clearly articulated rationale.• Applications for camps and excursions must be completed in full and submitted to the Leadership Team for pre-approval at least 3 weeks prior to the proposed date.• Prior to final approval the staff member must identify, assess and mitigate risks, ensuring compliance with legal obligations and duty of care.• When planning an excursion or camp, staff must consider emergency warnings provided through VicEmergency and weather conditions including fire danger ratings.• When planning an excursion or camp, staff must consider how they will meet their responsibilities under the Child Safe Standards• Staff planning the camp or excursion must plan an inclusive excursion experience for all students, including students with disabilities and additional needs.• All students must have access to curriculum-based excursions regardless of a family's financial status.• Parents/guardians must be notified of all relevant details in writing and they must notify the Front Office of their consent or otherwise by the date advised.

Related Policies and Resources

- [KEM Promotion of Student Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Kildare Ministries' Child Safe Policy](#)
- Bushfire Preparedness
- Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- Mandatory Reporting (VCEA)
- Marian College Risk Assessment
- CCYP Child Safe Standards
<https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/the-11-child-safe-standards/>

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