

This template was updated in June 2020 to change all hyperlinks to Department policy to reflect the new Policy and Advisory Library (PAL) hyperlink. No other changes were made from the previous version dated April 2019.

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the processes and procedures Monash Children's Hospital School (MCHS) will use when planning and conducting camps, excursions and adventure activities for students.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MCHS DOES NOT RUN CAMPS AND/OR EXCURSIONS.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all camps and excursions organised by Monash Children's Hospital School. This policy also applies to adventure activities organised by Monash Children's Hospital School regardless of whether or not they take place on or off school grounds.

This policy is intended to complement the Department's policy and guidelines on excursions, camps and adventure activities which all Victorian government schools are required to follow. Monash Children's Hospital School will follow both this policy, as well as the Department's policy and guidelines when planning for and conducting camps and excursions.

This policy does not apply to student workplace learning or intercampus travel.

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DEFINITIONS

Excursions:

For the purpose of this policy, excursions are activities organised by the school where the students:



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- are taken out of the school grounds (for example, a camp, day excursion, school sports);
- undertake adventure activities, regardless of whether or not they occur outside the school grounds;

Camps are excursions involving at least one night's accommodation (including school sleepovers).

Local excursions are excursions to locations within walking distance of the school and do not involve 'Adventure Activities'.

Adventure activities are activities that involve a greater than normal risk. Further information and examples of adventure activities are available on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, at the following link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/excursions/guidance/adventure-activities>

POLICY

Camps and excursions can provide a valuable educational experience for our students which are complementary to their learning, as they provide access to resources, environments and expertise that may not be available in the classroom. It is the belief that school camps and excursions will be organised and run by the student's base school and MCHS has no part to play in this process, unless it involves a request from the base school to provide advice from medical/health personnel about the capacity of the young person to be able to attend/not attend a camp or excursion.

For all camps and excursions, including adventure activities, our school will follow the Department's Policy and Advisory Library: [Excursions](#).

Planning process for camps and excursions

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Supervision

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.



Parent volunteers

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Volunteer and external provider checks

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Parent/carer consent.

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Cost of camps and excursions, refunds and support

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Student health

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Behaviour expectations

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Electronic Devices

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Food

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.

Accident and Ambulance Cover

Monash Children's Hospital School does not plan or run camps or excursions.



FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department policies and guidelines:

- [Excursions](#)
- [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#)

The following school policies are also relevant to this Camps and Excursions Policy:

- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Duty of Care Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 06 September 2021 and is scheduled for review by September 2024

