



St Francis de Sales
COLLEGE

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS, SPORTING AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES POLICY

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1. VISION STATEMENT

St Francis de Sales College aspires to be a leader in education serving the Adelaide Hills community. Grounded in our Catholic values and in partnership with families, all community members are known and loved as an individual made in the image of God.

Providing a contemporary and inclusive education, relationship and engagement empowers students to be self-motivated creative and courageous learners.

Our students' growth mindset inspires them to achieve their personal best in all aspects of their school life and develops confident graduates eager to impact their local and global community.

2. OUR MISSION

"Be who you are and be that well" - St Francis de Sales

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all offsite events that involve students of the College. It does not apply to work placements or students attending adjacent facilities that is an ongoing requirement of the school curriculum.

4. PURPOSE

This policy and associated procedures provide a framework to plan and undertake camps and excursions safely and effectively to participate in an array of learning experiences offered outside of school and ensure that all sporting and adventure activities are conducted with the highest regards for the safety of participants.

5. DUTY OF CARE

All staff owe a duty to take reasonable care to protect the students in their care from a reasonably foreseeable risk of harm. Staff also have statutory obligations to take reasonable care for their own health and safety.

6. INCLUSIVITY

Camps and excursions are to be inclusive of all children to ensure that they are given the opportunity to participate.

The support needs of students with disabilities or medical conditions, multicultural groups, including racial and religious backgrounds, and transgender and intersex will require careful consideration and consultation with parents/legal guardians. Appropriate support measures should be put into place for these students so they can access the learning experiences available through camps and excursions.

7. DISABILITY STANDARDS

The [Disability Standards for Education 2005](#), strengthen the obligation to include students with disabilities by taking all reasonable steps to ensure that the child or young person is able to participate by making reasonable adjustments to assist the child or young person to participate in the camp or excursion.

8. CHILD PROTECTION

All staff for the purpose of this policy and associated procedures are mandated notifiers pursuant to the [Children and Young People \(Safety\) Act 2017](#) and must be made aware of their obligations to report a reasonable suspicion that a student is, or may be, at risk to the Child Abuse Report Line 131 478 or through the [online child protection reporting system](#).

9. RISK MANAGEMENT

To ensure students and supervisory team members are safe, planning must commence by identifying hazards and managing risks with regard to health, safety and wellbeing before the camp or excursion takes place.

Activity leaders must ensure a risk assessment has been completed prior to seeking parental consent.

10. INCIDENT REPORTING

All supervisory team members attending a camp or excursion must be aware of their obligation to report incidents to the teacher-in-charge, who must contact the Principal as soon as practicable to report injuries and critical incidents.

11. SCHOOL BASED CONTACT PERSON

There must be a school based or delegated contact person for all camps and excursions.

12. BUSHFIRE PRONE AREAS

Camp or excursion planning must consider bushfire danger. If a bushfire is burning prior to departure and is likely to threaten the intended camp or excursion site, the camp or excursion must be cancelled. Similarly, if during a camp or excursion, if a bushfire poses a threat, the activity must be cancelled, and plans made to safely evacuate all involved, should it be safe to do so.

13. CONSENT

To ensure our legal obligations are met use of the approved College consent procedures through Consent2Go is mandatory.

14. ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND SMOKING

The health, safety and welfare of students and supervisory team during a camp or excursion must not be compromised by unsafe/inappropriate behaviour.

The consumption of alcohol, illicit drugs or prescription medication that impair judgement, by supervisory team members or students on camps and excursions, is not permitted.

Members of the supervisory team on camps or excursions remain on duty even during rest and relaxation periods, and in an emergency are required to take responsibility for students at short notice. A camp or excursion activity and its facilities are an extension of the school. Therefore smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted at any time.