



Bona Vista Primary School

Incursions Policy

Rationale:

The school's incursion program enables students to further their learning by complementing classroom lessons with experts and resources from outside the immediate school community. Incursions complement, and are an important aspect of the educational programs offered at our school. An incursion is an activity that involves school visitors who provide a performance, lesson or service for students.

Aim:

- To reinforce, complement and extend the learning opportunities beyond the classroom
- To develop an understanding that learning is not limited to school and teachers, and that valuable and powerful learning is often achieved with other people and experiences.

Implementation:

APPROVAL

- All incursions must be approved by the Principal.
- The Principal must approve incursions to ensure they are cost effective and that they complement the curriculum and comply with all DET requirements.
- All volunteers and staff employed to provide incursion activities must have a valid Working With Children card.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- A designated "Teacher in Charge" will coordinate each incursion.
- All incursions will be attended by school staff to ensure appropriate supervision of students at all times. In the event of an accident or emergency the teacher in charge will be responsible for the administration of first aid and will follow first aid and emergency policies.
- Students not attending the incursion will be provided with suitable alternative activities.
- Only students that have displayed sensible, reliable behaviour at school will be permitted to participate in school incursions. Parents will be notified if their child is in danger of losing the privilege to participate in an incursion due to poor behaviour at school. The decision to exclude a student will be made by the Principal in consultation with the organising teacher. Both the parent and student will be informed of this decision prior to the incursion.

PAYMENTS

- All efforts will be made not to exclude students simply for financial reasons. Parents experiencing financial difficulty, who wish for their children to attend an incursion, are invited to discuss alternative arrangements with the Business Manager or Principal. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements will be made by the Principal in consultation with the Business Manager, on an individual basis.
- All families will be given sufficient time to make payments for incursions when required. Parents will be provided with permission forms and incursion information clearly stating payment finalisation dates. Student payments not finalised prior to the incursion will not be allowed to attend unless alternative payment arrangements have been organised.



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- The Business Manager will be responsible for managing and monitoring the payments made by parents and will provide organising teachers with detailed records on a regular basis.

Duty of Care:

- Be aware that students are usually less constrained and more prone to accident and injury than in a more closely supervised classroom.
- Be aware that an incursion with an external provider does not absolve supervision duties of the teacher, including first aid duties. A teacher must be present at all times and remain the person designated with duty of care responsibilities.
- Be aware that incursions require the teacher to fully comply with DET guidelines and brings with it an increased duty of care, such that they are required to intervene, redirect or end any activities that move beyond acceptable limits in content or delivery.
- Be aware that incursions require the teacher to ensure that the venue adheres to DET guidelines.
- Be aware that school policy is for students to be counted on a regular basis whilst participating in the incursion.
- Arrangements will be made for students not attending the incursion to continue their normal program at school under supervision of another classroom teacher.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstance

This policy was last ratified by School Council in