Lalor East Primary School
Camping Policy

Rationale
A school camping program will benefit all children who attend by providing educational and social experiences that are not available in the school environment.

Broad Guidelines
The Camping program is designed to assist students to:
- live as a united group and appreciate each other’s similarities and differences
- maintain and increase children’s self esteem
- develop skills and competencies in activities associated with outdoor education
- develop a wide range of enquiry skills
- develop a positive approach and attitude to worthwhile leisure pursuits
- develop positive attitudes towards safety
- give children opportunities /experiences they wouldn’t otherwise have.

Implementation
- Camp coordinator to be appointed well in advance of the camp date.
- Camp coordinator to seek School Council approval for proposed camp dates and activities.
- Camp venues to be booked at least 12 months in advance.
- Camp arrangements to be entered on DEECD online site at least 3 weeks prior to the camp.
- All camps to be fully catered and with appropriate undercover areas.
- Camp to be held early in the year to assist with socialisation of the children.
- Camps to be offered to all grade 5 / 6 children.
- Confirm interest in camp participation with a non-refundable $50 deposit.
- Allow for progressive camp payments to be made for families if required.
- Use Jumbunna to keep parents informed and to remind them of payments.
- Confirm numbers and have all children fully paid 2 weeks before the camp.
- Calculate CRT days and book replacement teachers well in advance.
- Cost of CRT days to be covered by the fully self funded camping program.
- Make alternative arrangements for students who are not attending camp as well as specialist / staff back at school.
- Provide camp booklet for students.
- Provide parents with medical proforma from DEECD to be returned to school.
- Provide students with necessary clothing list.

Evaluation
The effectiveness of the Camping Policy will be evaluated by:
- the Health & Physical Education coordinator and the Camping coordinator
- consultation with teachers.

Review
The School Council and staff regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Camping Policy (at least once every three years) and revise the policy when required.

Next policy review: 2015