

Anglesea Primary School

Outdoor Education Program Policy

Rationale:

Anglesea Primary School offers an Outdoor Education Program for senior students as an opportunity to achieve their personal learning outcomes. The Program focuses on developing specific skills, physical pursuits and encourages involvement in a range of activities that are unique to the Anglesea environment

Policy Statement:

To ensure that a variety of outdoor activities are safely planned that allow for students to develop specific skills which may lay the foundation for an active life in the future.

Implementation:

The Outdoor Education Program may include the following activities:

- Surfing
- Adventure activities – vertical challenge, giant swing, indoor rock climbing
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Bush craft
- Bike Education
- Kite flying
- Golf
- Tai Chi
- Beach volleyball
- Orienteering
- Tennis

Senior students (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will participate in the Outdoor Education Program. The program will be conducted for approximately 2 hours per week for a period of 6 weeks during Term One.

Activities will be selected to promote healthy leisure/lifestyle choices. Emphasis will be placed on the development of interpersonal and social skills that promote: confidence, team cooperation, independence, responsibility, life skills, organisation, resilience, persistence, self-esteem and well-being.

Timing of these activities is dependent upon availability of local resources, parent / guardian helpers and weather appropriate to the activity.

Prior to the commencement of the program a Risk Management Plan must be prepared for each activity and presented to School Council for approval.

Parent / Guardian permission forms must be completed prior to commencement of the program.

Staff are responsible for ensuring that all medical forms / first aid requirements, permission forms, mobile telephone and relevant equipment are taken to each activity. Staff will follow the current DET Outdoor Education Guidelines.

Staff will follow the current safety and instruction guidelines provided by Bike Education resources and Surfing Program providers.

Specific requirements:

Bicycle Education– this program is conducted for Year 4 students who are still developing their peripheral vision. Students are advised not to ride their bikes to school prior to participation in this program. Sessions are to be conducted by a staff member trained in Bike Education. As an instructor they will assist students to develop responsible behaviours, attitudes and decision making skills for the safe use of bicycles on and off the road; a greater knowledge of road rules and traffic situations through participation in enjoyable learning experiences relevant to their ages and abilities. The final session of the program will be a bike ride around Anglesea – (Tour de Anglesea).

Surfing – Year 6 students only. The cost of this program is significant and is considered to be a ‘once in your time at school’ activity. The nature of surfing is developmentally more appropriate for students who are 10years+. Sessions will be conducted by Go Ride a Wave who have fully qualified and trained instructors. They will be responsible for conducting an appropriate and safe program.

Evaluation and review:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	August 2015
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References and Related Policies:

- *DET Outdoor Education guidelines.*
- *Bike Education Program Guidelines*
- *Surfing provider (Go Ride a Wave) guidelines.*