

Camping & Excursions

Code of Conduct



The camping and excursion program at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School is an integral part of the school curriculum and enables learning to take place in different environments that may not otherwise be experienced. It also builds upon learning experiences in school by aiming to further

- * *develop cooperative attitudes and skills*
- * *offer the opportunity to interact in an informal way*
- * *add depth to the curriculum taught in the classroom*
- * *develop living/life and social skills within a larger community*
- * *develop team member skills*
- * *develop a sense of responsibility and accountability for oneself and other group members*
- * *strengthen the relationship between staff and children*

Whenever children represent O.L.H.C away from our school complex, during camping experiences or on excursions, the emphasis for our great kids will be, **fun, learning, good behaviour** and **participation**.

Everyone at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School, during camps and excursions has the right to be:

Happy

Safe

Learn to their full potential

We always expect our students to respect the rights of all others, including students, staff, volunteer helpers and people from other places. The school will NOT tolerate children spoiling the camp or excursion for others.

Whenever representing our school community, away from our school complex, during camping experiences or on excursions, all children are expected to abide by the following code:

- Treat others as you like to be treated. Do not stop others from being happy or safe. Do not stop others from learning.
- **You have a responsibility to help make camp or excursion locations a good place. This means being thoughtful, honest, respectful and courteous to others in the way you treat them and speak to them.**
- Stay as safe as possible when travelling in the bus or at a location. Respect the bus driver and follow the instructions of adults.
- **You have a responsibility to obey the rules of the camping area or location that you are visiting eg emergency drill, out-of-bounds places, etc**
- You have a responsibility to practise good personal cleanliness. This means that you stay clean and practise good health habits during the camp or excursion
- **You have a responsibility to keep your bus, camp and excursion locations tidy. This means that you keep your rooms and play areas tidy and perform designated jobs.**
- If applicable you have a responsibility to complete your school work while on camp or an excursion. This means that you do your best with your class work and camp booklet/preparation and reflection.
- **You have a responsibility to allow others to enjoy the camp or excursion without being bothered. This means that you make good use of your time and do not bother or annoy others.**
- You have a responsibility to take care of property. This means that you take care of your own and camp property and respect the property of others.
- **Cooperate with your classmates, teachers, volunteers, bus drivers and camp leaders.**
- Be polite and have good manners e.g. say please, thank you.

Some or all of the following consequences will apply to children who fail to follow this code, depending upon the seriousness or consistency of the violation of the code:

- ✓ Students will always be expected to **apologise** to offended people (written and/or verbal)
- ✓ Students may receive a **warning** from staff, parents or camp workers. The problem will be discussed and acceptable behaviour will be encouraged. If the child is not responsive to this, or the problem is of a more serious nature, further action will be taken
- ✓ Students may be placed in **time-out** to cool down, or do a **community service** (eg tidy an area)
- ✓ Students may be **banned** from participating in an activity,
- ✓ For serious misbehaviour (eg violence, defiance, disobeying directions or instructions, bullying, etc), staff will contact the principal and then the parents of the child. The poorly behaved student will be collected by the family and **leave the camp or excursion** as soon as possible.
- ✓ Students will be expected to **meet** with teacher or principal to explain behaviour, to examine whether further action needs to be taken
- ✓ Students may have to **write explanatory letters** to family and school about behaviour.
- ✓ Students may **miss out** on future excursions, camps, etc if they cannot control their behaviour in public.

