



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.

Aims

- 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.

Guidelines for Action

All incursions must be approved by the Principal.

- A designated "Teacher in Charge" will help to coordinate each incursion.
- The Principal must approve incursions to ensure there are cost neutral and that they complement the curriculum and comply with all DET requirements.
- 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 contact parents as appropriate. In the event that parents cannot be contacted, the teacher in charge will follow first aid and emergency policies as set out by the school.
- Students will not be excluded simply for financial reasons. Parents/ carers experiencing financial difficulty, are invited to discuss alternative arrangements with the Business Manager. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements will be made by the Business Manager in consultation with the appropriate staff, on an individual basis.
- All families will be given sufficient time to make payments for incursions. Parents/ carers will be provided with permission forms and incursion information clearly stating payment finalization dates.
- Office staff will be responsible for managing and monitoring the payments made by parents and will provide organizing teachers with detailed records on a regular basis.
- The Teacher in Charge must provide the General Office with a final student list, if relevant. This list must also include the location of students not involved in the incursion, if relevant. A copy of this list should also be posted on the staff noticeboard.
- Students not attending the incursion will be provided with suitable alternative activities.
- Where applicable, students must have returned a signed permission note and payment to be able to attend the incursion.
- Only students that have displayed sensible, reliable behaviour at school will be permitted to participate in school incursions. Parents/ carers 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 or Welfare Officer in consultation with the organizing teacher. Both the parent/ carer and student will be informed of this decision prior to the incursion.

Duty of Care

Incursions

Be Aware:

- that students may be less constrained and more prone to accident and injury than in a more closely supervised classroom.
- 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.
- that incursions require the teacher to fully comply with DET guidelines and brings with it an increased [duty of care](#). It is a teacher's responsibility to be aware of these guidelines and remain the person designated with duty of care.
- that incursions require the teacher to ensure that the venue adheres to DET guidelines.
- students must be counted at the start, during and at the end of the incursion
- that arrangements will be made for students not attending the incursion to continue their normal program at school under supervision of another classroom teacher.
- All performers must adhere to the [Child Safe Standards](#) and present their working with children check on arrival.