St. Therese School
Camps and Excursion Policy

**Philosophy and Rationale**

*We at St Therese School believe that:*
- Outdoor activities enhance our learning programs
- Camps and Excursions provides students with the opportunity to participate in activities and to develop life skills.
- Camps and Excursions promote an awareness of, and respect for, environmental issues.
- Children need to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of God’s world.

**Purpose / Aims**

*Through the application of this policy, we at St Therese School aim to:*
Ensure that all students are exposed to a variety of activities off the school site that compliment the schools curriculum.

**Guidelines**

This program concentrates on providing opportunities for:

- co-operative group skills
- leisure skills
- individual, group and whole class work
- modelling
- guest speakers
- excursions
- swimming/aquatics
- sleepovers
- barbecues
- environmental walks
- orienteering/bushwalking
- camping under canvas
- camps using bunkhouse accommodation
- self catering
- problem solving

A Police Clearance through the Catholic Church Police Check Unit is required by all volunteers attending school camps.