



# Adult Helpers on School Camp



*St Augustine's*  
KEILOR

This document sets out what we expect from you and what you can expect of us in relation to Adult Helpers on School camp.

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### *Introduction:*

*At St Augustine's we* seek opportunities for our students to look beyond the school fence and explore their world. We support and promote happy, healthy, well connected children who find joy in life and take a positive view of the world around them.

We believe that by participating in a camping program, students are given experiences which foster a positive self image and opportunities to practice life skills including:

- Independence
- Self-reliance
- Leadership
- Co-operation
- Respect for others
- Respect for the environment
- Responsibility

So that we can provide a worthwhile, safe and enjoyable annual camping experience for students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six we require the assistance of Adult helpers on school camps.

Adult helpers on school camps *increase the ratio of adults to children.*

An adequate *ratio of adults to children* allows for thorough supervision and quality interactions maximising learning, ensuring safety and increasing enjoyment for all campers.



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### *Duties that may be required of adult helpers include:*

- Supervision of students during free time
- Kitchen duties/light housework
- Night time settling procedures
- Clean up duties prior to departing camp
- Caring for sick or unwell students
- Harnessing students to equipment
- Leading various activities and challenges focusing on group dynamics, problem solving, communications, trust, leadership, planning and teamwork.
- Supervising shower times



### *All adult helpers on camp:*

- Must have a current Working With Children check – this is in accordance with current legislation
- Understand that the selection of adult helpers is determined by a range of factors including but not limited to: gender balance, needs of individual children, expertise required, previous attendance on camp
- May or may not be in a group with their child
- Understand their purpose for being on camp is to assist all children not just their own
- Understand that teachers are in charge and have ultimate authority in all aspects of the camping experience
- Must not publish or transmit any photos of students without parent consent



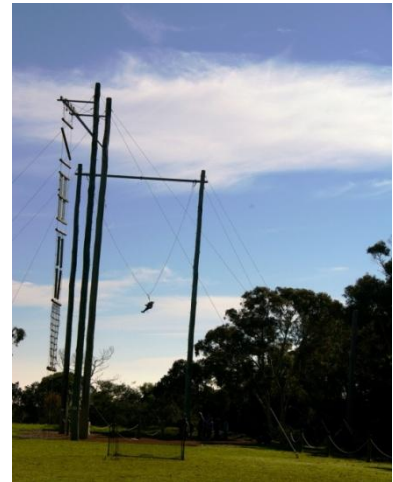
*Parents are requested to refrain from contacting parents of any students or allowing student access to parent contact. Connecting a student to a parent remains the judgement of a teacher.*

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### *As an adult helper on camp, you are expected to:*

- Respect the privacy & confidentiality of all members attending camp
- Follow teacher instructions when assisting with camp activities
- Actively assist in the management of students during meals and activities
- Supervise your allocated group closely and carefully
- Report any inappropriate behaviour (disruptive/disrespectful ) to a teacher as soon as possible
- Limit use of mobile phones to non supervising times only
- Adhere to “No Smoking” policy
- Refrain from purchasing anything for any student
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Assist, where necessary, gathering & packing equipment prior to camp or unpacking the bus and putting away equipment at the end of camp



### *As an adult helper on camp, you can expect:*

- To be informed of the daily camp timetable and program of activities



- Students to follow school/camp rules at all times
- Inappropriate behaviour reported by you to a teacher be followed up immediately or as soon as practical
- To have a great experience
- To be well fed and to return home in need of a rest!

Volunteers are sought prior to camp each year and notice is given via the school newsletter to remind those interested to apply for a Working With Children check well in advance.