



EXCURSIONS AND CAMPS POLICY

Excursions/Camps form an important component of a student's learning experiences. It is our intention that all excursions/ camps are justifiable in terms of educational outcomes for students. The benefits of an excursion should outweigh the negative aspects that result from students missing time from other classes. There are additional costs involved for parents with excursions/camps and no student will be disadvantaged academically if they cannot attend a camp for explained, legitimate reasons.

Parents can expect to receive well in advance information regarding initial deposits, final costs and details of the excursion/ camp prior to departure (longer for expensive/ long term trips). Parents will sight medical forms and permission forms, and are asked to sign them promptly, returning them to the school in preparation for the excursion/ camp.

Some students may be excluded from attending excursions/ camps as per information stated below. These students will be provided with alternative work that will not affect their overall academic achievement if this work is completed fully.

If a student is sent home from an excursion/ camp then any costs will be met by parents/ guardians and action taken in line with the school Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Attendance at Excursions / Camp

Ineligibility to leave the school for an excursion/ camp will occur if:

- Students do not return permission/medical forms and/or make any associated excursion/camp payments via the Payment Office in the Administration Building
- Families, at the end of Term One, have outstanding Student Resource Scheme fees and have not negotiated a regular payment plan with the Business Services Manager and/or Principal.
- Student behaviour at school is not reflective of the high standards expected at Mackay Northern Beaches SHS and therefore the Principal (or their delegate) is of the professional opinion the student is at risk of not representing the school appropriately in public.
- Student behaviour at previous camps / excursions is not reflective of the high standards expected by the school and therefore the Principal (or their delegate) is of the professional opinion the student is at risk of not representing the school appropriately in public on a subsequent occasion.
- Students are not dressed in the full appropriate uniform when representing the school unless stipulated otherwise.
- Attendance records at school indicate any further time away from school would be detrimental to student learning, where the excursion activity is not directly curriculum related.
- Students are suspended from school at the time of the excursion/camp event

Refund Policy

The cost of the camp / excursion is determined by the number of students attending. The withdrawal of participants impacts greatly on the final costs incurred by the school. At times the school must pay vendors deposits well before the event.

If payment has been made and a student is unable or refused permission to attend, he or she may not receive a full refund. The school will only refund the costs to parents which have been refunded by vendors to the school. This includes:

- Student withdrawal by parents;
- School withdrawal of students for poor behavioural decisions;
- Students sent home for poor or dangerous behaviour not reflective of the school's high expectations in public.

If you require further clarification on this policy, please contact the school administration team.