

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria

For all principals, school council presidents and regional staff

S093-2009 School Camps and Excursions: Information and Advice

Main Points

- Schools have made a number of enquiries to the Department seeking information about whether or not it is safe to conduct camps and/or excursions in various areas of the State.
- School principals, in conjunction with school councils, are responsible for approving or cancelling camps and/or excursions.
- When there is uncertainty as to whether or not a camp or excursion should be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, fire or other prevailing factors, schools are advised to obtain information to assist with the decision making process.
- Information can be sought from the sources listed below.

Actions Required

- Consult the Country Fire Association (CFA) and Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) websites for the latest fire information via www.cfa.vic.gov.au or www.dse.vic.gov.au or the Bushfire Information Hotline: 1800 240 667.
- Obtain information on the Safety Guidelines for Education Outdoors at: www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/edoutdoors/default.htm.
- Obtain information from your camp provider.
- Consult Parks Victoria at: www.parkweb.vic.gov.au.
- Contact your regional emergency management coordinator for advice when making these decisions.

Critical Dates

- N/A

Additional Information

- N/A

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