

Transport:

Your child will travel to the camp site on an official bus/coach or approved vehicle. It is important your children remain seated and belted at all times. This prevents drivers being distracted.

Shopping Day:

It had been the tradition at Camp to allow the children into Newcastle to buy presents. The younger ones were supervised and the older ones allowed a bit more independence. The policy in regard to this activity is changing this year. All children will go to town in "tent order" accompanied by their counsellor, irrespective of age. If your child has been to camp before it is important you bring this to his/her attention.

In Conclusion:

The care of your children is of utmost importance to us. Our staff is instructed to give this priority at all times. We are also aware of the influence we have on the children and endeavour to the best of our ability to run camp in a courteous and friendly manner.

Please encourage your child to observe the rules and behave in a manner which makes camp a happy experience for everyone.

You can find more detailed information regarding risk assessment, policy procedure, child protection policy etc. on our web site or contact us if you have any questions.

Directors

Camp Shamrock.

CAMP SHAMROCK BEHAVIOUR POLICY.

*A guide to parents as to what is expected of children who attend
Camp Shamrock.*



Camp Shamrock implements a practice of equal opportunity and seeks to provide a service free from the impediments of sectarianism and prejudice.

Mobile Phones:

The use of mobile or cell phones is common with our children. There are certain issues surrounding their use that we have to take into consideration. You are asked to read this policy carefully if you wish your child to have his/her mobile phone at Camp.

Photography:

There are increasing incidents in society of young people using camera phones to take images of an “undesirable nature,” which in turn are circulated or posted on the internet. To date this has never been an issue at Camp Shamrock. However following a review of our risk assessment we are obliged to inform you that *Camp Shamrock will be not responsible for the use, damage or other of children’s phones.*

Quiet time and zones:

There will be occasions where the use of mobile phones is not allowed, example during certain activities where the child may be distracted and during meal times.

Web Site:

www.campshamrock.org is our official camp web site. Posting pictures on our site provides an opportunity for the children to reflect and share with parents and friends. If there are photographs you do not wish to be posted on the site please let us know and they will be removed.

Important notice to parents and guardians.

We at Camp Shamrock take our duty of care to the children seriously. All reasonable steps are taken to ensure they have an unforgettable experience.

Following our annual risk assessment a number of points are brought to your attention. You are asked to consider them carefully as *they are conditions upon which your child is accepted to attend Camp Shamrock.*

Bullying:

We take the issue of bullying very seriously. We define bullying as *“systematic targeting for verbal or physical abuse.”*

Whether in school or play there are scraps and arguments that arise between children. Whereas we seek to avoid these incidents, they are not to be confused with bullying.

All matters which are regarded as serious behaviour problems are brought to the directors. We operate a three strike policy. Two warnings will be given and if a child is brought to us the third time, we will send them home.

The parents or guardian of the child will be contacted and informed in detail regarding the incidents. We will request the child be collected by the parents or a designated guardian to be taken home. An incident log is kept which parents are at liberty to view.