



Where can schools find information about the COVID Safe protocols that are in place for their school camp?

Active Education has compiled COVID information for schools to access on the Active Education website. The documents include

- Preventing the spread of COVID-19 on camp
- Camp FAQs for Teachers
- COVID Risk Register, COVID Camp Protocols and COVID Safe Plan for Active Education
- The COVID Safe Plans for each of the sites/campsites.

Are there any new protocols that schools need to do prior to arrival at camp?

- Any participant (Students or Adults) with any sickness is not permitted to attend camp
- It is expected that schools will have undertaken a screen of all participants (children and adults) prior to arriving at camp such that each participant (children and adults) in their group are not unwell, have not been in contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19 and have not returned from overseas or from a state requiring self-quarantine in the past 14 days.
- Dept for Education guidelines recommend grouping students in dormitories who are also together in class. We recommend teachers also organise students into meal groups and allocate tables as per their sleeping arrangements.
- Active Education requires the Group Leader and all adults attending the camp to complete the **COVID Induction and Declaration for Group** upon arrival at the camp.
- A final list of all attendees (students and adults) must be provided to Active Education upon arrival.
- School groups will appoint a Good Hygiene Officer/COVID Marshal who will be responsible for managing the hygiene tasks while on camp outlined in the **Summary Page – Preventing the spread of COVID-19 on camp and the role of the Good Hygiene Officer**

Are there new protocols that Adults (Teachers & Parents) need to observe while on camp?

Active Education's expectation is that adults must adhere to base occupant density as per SA Health guidelines.

According to DECD guidelines (25 June 2020) these are

- No more than 1 person per 2 square metres in an enclosed space
- Maintain a minimum social distancing of 1.5m
- This should include mealtimes, activities, and free times throughout the duration of the camp
- At a recent presentation by Dr Spurrier she noted that drinks and meals in the staff room was often where transmissions were occurring in other workplaces therefore please ensure you sanitise your hands and the coffee/tea making area each time you use it to make drinks
- Adults will be allocated their own room wherever possible. Once allocated to a bed, bunk or tent, adult participants will only use that resource for the duration of the program/stay at the venue.
- According to SA Govt guidelines (4 August 2020) communal showers are permitted to be open. Daily cleaning by the venue provider of bathrooms is recommended.



What is the potential impact of non-compliance with COVID protocols?

As school camps recommence in term 3 in SA, all the businesses who work together to provide school camp packages and excursions to schools are dependent upon school groups to carefully observe the protocols that have been put in place to ensure that businesses can continue to operate.

The consequences of a COVID positive result are negative and stressful for your school however it is also very damaging to the operation of the school camp businesses that your school has worked with – for example the closure of the campsite for deep cleaning will impact the next school camp booking(s), staff at the businesses may need to isolate resulting in staff shortages that may impact other school camp bookings, and loss of confidence in school camps could result in cancellation of bookings - to name a few. As we have seen recently in Victoria careless management and behaviour has the potential to shut down the businesses that deliver school camps and to potentially destroy the camping industry in SA.

Most of businesses in the camping sector in SA have been without income since mid-March and like Active Education are rebooting their businesses in term 3. It is for both public safety and business sustainability reasons that Active Education reserves the right to refuse entry or to require to leave the site anyone who is unwell or repeatedly fails to comply with COVID 19 guidelines or directions of staff.

What are the increased Hygiene measures on camp?

- Active Education’s Safety Briefing upon arrival at camp has been updated to include information about the Importance of Handwashing and Hand Sanitising on Camp
- The School’s appointed Good Hygiene Officer/Nominated COVID Marshal will be responsible for campers washing hands and/or using hand sanitiser on camp including at the commencement and conclusion of sessions, mealtimes and after free time (especially after Use of Playground & Sports Equipment)
- It is very important that only adults wearing gloves are drying and putting away items after they have been washed in the dishwasher after mealtimes (students can scrape plates and put into dishwasher only)

What are the increased cleaning measures on camp?

- The venue provider is responsible for ensuring facilities are properly cleaned using the guidance provided by Safe Work Aust
- It is recommended to sanitise objects more frequently that are high touchpoints in high traffic and commonly used areas, for example: Door Handles, Light switches, Bathroom / kitchen fixtures (taps, basins, toilets, toilet roll holders), fridges, microwaves, cupboards and drawers, etc.)
- Program staff will ensure equipment and activity areas are sanitised before and after every activity
- Catering staff will ensure kitchen and serving areas are sanitised before and after every meal or snack break
- Appropriate allowances will need to be made to ensure adequate time for cleaning and sanitising of equipment and spaces after use.



What COVID Measures are in place for Students

- As with Schools, physical distancing rules do not apply to students.
- Activity Sessions will be run with reference to the 'Field of Play' exemptions, however, Active Education has made some adaptations to activities
- "Hanging' Out" in Dorms during free time should not be allowed due to confined space and where possible promote fresh air flow by having windows slightly open

What other changes may have been made to the camp package?

- Active Education has simplified and consolidated programs so regular users may see some program substitutions.
- We have also established a Single Set Menu
- Where possible Active Education will be operating activities with class groups and will be mixing up students within class groups

What changes are there at mealtimes?

- Adults (e.g. Group Leaders and Teachers) must adhere to the base density requirement of SA Health, that is, no more than 1 person per 2 square metres in an enclosed space and maintain a minimum social distancing of 1.5m
- This plan provides a relaxation to the base density requirement for school-aged children in the dining setting.
- We recommend **one adult per table with students** which will assist in adhering to distancing requirements and to ensure that food and drinks are not shared between students.
- Depending on the size of the group two sittings may be required, one at 5pm and the other at 5.45pm. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- We recommend teachers organise students into meal groups and allocate tables as per their sleeping arrangements
- We recommend that adults wearing gloves are responsible for sanitising tables and chairs before and after meals & putting out cutlery and glasses
- An adult(s) wearing gloves should be stationed at the water container(s) to fill student water bottles or glasses
- Food servers will wear gloves and use tongs, snacks will be on platters for students and served by adults
- Dishes will be done using commercial dishwashers at the venue
- It is very important that **only adults wearing gloves are drying and putting away items after they have been washed in the dishwasher after mealtimes** (students can scrape and rinse plates and put into dishwasher only)

How will meals be served? How will teachers be served meals? How will water bottles be filled?

- In accordance with SA Govt guidelines (4 August 2020) communal food service is not permitted including when staff are serving food. Due to the requirements of the SA Govt, mealtimes will need to be done differently because the SA Govt guidelines states *"No shared utensils may be provided in the course of providing the service of any food or beverages. No communal food or beverage service areas may operate, this includes buffet, salad bars or communal water/beverage or sauce dispensers."* This includes both self-service and/or staff serving food."

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- Therefore groups will not be lining up for meals. Active Education caterers will organise each meal to be either apportioned for each table (eg platters), plated up for each person or packaged up for each person (eg lunch rolls).
- The teachers will be responsible for taking food to tables or for organising 4 students at a time to go to the servery to pick up their plate
- Each adult will be served a plate of food at the same time as the students at their table.

How will teachers and students be served snacks?

- We ask teachers to ensure students sanitise their hands before receiving their snack
- In accordance with SA Govt guidelines, snacks will be served to program groups separately on platters for students and served by adults wearing gloves and using tongs

What will happen if a participant becomes ill on camp?

In accordance with Dept for Education guidelines

- A dorm or room will be identified to isolate the participant from other Campers
- Immediately inform School Principal
- Immediately inform Active Education Management (08 8370 1500)
- Arrange collection of camper and send directly to nearest COVID-19 testing facility
- Carry out the directions provided by SA Health as applicable

What will happen if Camp must be cancelled?

If a camp must be cancelled due to COVID reasons such as Site Contamination, Staff Contamination or Shut down by the Dept of Education, Active Education will discuss the situation with the school to negotiate the best outcome for both parties.