Parents and guardians are an essential part of school camps. This information may assist you in making the most of your Daradgee experience.

**Educational Aims**

School camps are lots of fun and can be an incredible experience. Central to all Daradgee camp programs is the delivery of curriculum-based Environmental Education. All experiences are focused on the outdoors and the environment and have Curriculum links.

**Communication**

Before camp, communicate with your child’s teacher to let them know of any special qualifications, skills or knowledge you have to add to the camp experience. Become informed about the program and establish what your responsibilities will be. If at any time you are unsure about something please ask the camp leader or a staff member.

**When to step forward, when to step back?**

Many challenges at Daradgee involve students in problem solving activities undertaking new experiences and developing responsibility. These challenges provide opportunities for students to build on essential strategies for life. Please allow the students to find solutions for themselves, support them with positive encouragement and guide them in their development. Please note: - This is a learning experience - please be prepared to support students to learn.

**Top Rope Climbing or Faulty Towers**

If your camp has climbing on the program, you will have the opportunity to assist with this. If you are comfortable with this role you will be required to complete some training:

1. Read and understand our Top Roping Climbing Induction Handbook.
2. Participate in a practical workshop.
3. Be on ‘belay’ for the students as they climb.

**Some points to consider:**

- Belaying requires an extended period of physical activity.
- You will be required to self-assess your own physical ability to participate.
- DEEC staff will determine competency.

Please direct any concerns to a Daradgee staff member.
**Helping out with meals & other jobs**

While Daradgee employs a Camp Cook to manage your meals, they do require help before, during and after meals. Camp meal costs are calculated with volunteer assistance in the kitchen factored in. Please make yourself available to support our cook in providing quality healthy food for all camp participants.

Other jobs which parents may assist with:
- Unloading and packing away equipment
- Assisting students and supervising groups
- Providing first aid and joining in on games and challenges
- First mate on the ‘Daraji Sunbird’
- Student motivator & support

**Departmental Policy**

Daradgee is an EQ facility and as such, accompanying parents and guardians are required to observe and comply with the DETE Code of Conduct.

The consumption of Alcohol and Smoking is not permitted on Education Queensland grounds.

When working with students, parents must take care to avoid potentially compromising situations ie. supervising 1 or 2 students alone or in isolation. Registered teachers are responsible for the overall supervision and behaviour management of participating students, and you are expected to support them in this role.

If you have any concerns, ask any Daradgee staff member or your school staff, don’t keep it to yourself. If you let us know we can support you and take action were necessary.

**Joining in with Learning Experiences**

Volunteering to participate in school camps at Daradgee can be a rewarding experience for everyone. You can share knowledge and expertise as well as make new discoveries in Environmental Education.

**Physically Challenging**

Staying overnight and being involved in activities all day is physically taxing, so be prepared.

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