



Camping for Children and Young People

The section on Camping for Children and Young People was introduced to ***Breaking the Silence*** in 2023 in recognition that camping is considered a ‘high risk’ activity and clear guidance on the duty of care and requirements to create a safe environment was needed in relation to camping activities. This additional section to BTS is a further commitment of PCNSW to the Child Safe Standards.

This applies to all PCNSW congregations when providing overnight accommodation for children and young people in any way other than with their carer.

It does not apply to approved organisations within PCNSW or PYNSW.

The Camping for Children and Young People section covers:

1. Planning
 - a. Camp parents
 - b. Recruitment of leaders
 - c. Leader: Child ratio recommendations
 - d. Venue selection and sleeping arrangements
 - e. Consideration of diverse needs
2. Transportation of Children and Young People
3. Behaviour and expectations of campers
4. Communication with children/young people and their carers
5. Further considerations for leaders
6. Use of photography/videography/social media

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