



# Census



## 2021 Census - School Camp Information

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Tuesday 10 August 2021 is Census night.

We are writing to all schools in Australia to outline the process for counting students and staff who will be away from home and on a school camp or overnight excursion on Census night.

To make sure that everyone is counted in the Census, we require all parents and/or guardians to include their children on their Census form at home, **as if they were at home on Census night**. Students will **not** be counted at the camp or venue they are staying at on Census night.

Any adults accompanying students on the camp or overnight excursion, including teachers and parents, will need to complete a Census form for themselves at the camp or excursion location. Census field staff will arrange for delivery and collection of the Census forms for the adults to complete.

If your school will have any students away on a camp or on an overnight excursion on Census night, we ask that you provide the attached letter to them. Please distribute it to the parents and/or guardians of any students who will be away, as well as to teachers and other adults who will be there too. This will assist in avoiding any confusion between students, staff, and Census field staff.

Please find enclosed a short explanation you may wish to add to your school newsletter and a letter, that you can distribute to parents or guardians of children who will be away on 10 August.

On a separate note, if your school has boarding facilities, you would have received a letter from us and our Census field staff should have been in contact with an on-site manager to discuss how we can ensure any residents are included in the Census.

You can also find resources for talking to your students about the Census at [www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au) including resources for [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students](#) and [international students](#).

If you have any queries about school camps or boarding facilities at your school, please email Special Field Operations Management at [census.field.operations@abs.gov.au](mailto:census.field.operations@abs.gov.au).

Thank you for helping us to make the 2021 Census a success.

Yours faithfully,

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