



Census



School camps on Census night

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tuesday 10 August 2021 is Census night.

Every five years, the **Australian Bureau of Statistics** counts every person and household in Australia. We call this the Census of Population and Housing. The Census is a snapshot of who we are and tells the story of how we are changing. It takes the guesswork out of preparing for the future.

Information from the Census helps governments, businesses and not for profit organisations across the country make decisions. It informs planning for schools, healthcare, transport and infrastructure. It is also used by community groups to help plan local services for individuals, families and communities.

If your child is away on school camp or overnight excursion on Census night, please ensure that you include your child on your Census form **as if they were home on Census night**. Your child will **not** be counted at the camp or venue they are staying at.

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

If one adult of the household is away at the camp or excursion, and another adult is at home; **do not** count the adult that is away as they will complete their own Census form from where they are.

Children should only be included at the school camp if all parents/guardians are at the school camp with them.

If you want to learn more about the Census, you can visit www.census.abs.gov.au.

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

Yours faithfully,

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