

Safety and Discipline at Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camps

Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camps is centered around some very important rules and regulations that all participants need to follow during the camp. These rules and regulations are very basic and are there for the simple reason of safety.

It is encouraged that the teacher(s)/supervisor of the participating classes are aware of these rules and regulations and go through them with the participating students before they arrive at camp.

Camp Safety

- Always follow the directions of your Camp Co-ordinators/Teachers/Adults
- Treat the Camp area as you would treat your own home
- Sunscreen, hats and footwear must be worn at all times outside the camp area
- Be careful of ropes, pegs and kitchen area around camp
- Students are to remain inside the camp area when not on an activity unless accompanied or have been given permission by a Teacher and/or Camp Co-ordinator
- Immediately inform Camp Co-ordinators/Teachers of any hazards or emergencies

Boat Safety

- Always follow Skippers and deckies orders without fail
- No running on boat
- Be clear of where devices are held, e.g. life jackets, flares, etc.
- Do not have any part of the body outside of the boat at anytime unless instructed to do so, e.g. snorkeling, diving, etc.
- Be careful at all times – Boats Can Be Extremely Dangerous

Water Safety

The aim of water safety education is to enable students to recognize and assess potential aquatic dangers and develop a realistic understanding of their swimming ability in various water and weather conditions.

Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camps practices some important safety techniques. These techniques consist of –

- a) Buddy system – staying with and being responsible for you buddy at all times whilst in the water.
- b) Safety aids – be aware at all times of the location of safety aids and boats.
- c) Safety signals – at all times abide by the important safety signal of raising your arm straight in the air when in difficulty or when you need help.

- d) Coral – do not at any time touch or stand on coral, unless in extreme emergency.
- e) Sea Creatures – do not at any time touch, provoke or corner sea creatures.
- g) Instructor’s Directions – need to be followed without question at all times.

Discipline Strategy Plan

Discipline is a teacher-directed activity whereby we seek to lead, guide, direct, manage, or confront a student about behaviour disrupting the rights of others be they teachers or students.

Goals of Discipline

- develop student’s self-discipline and self-control
- enable student to be on-task with their learning
- enhance student’s self-esteem
- encourage accountability for behaviour
- encourage the individual student to recognise and respect the rights of others
- affirm the co-operation as well as responsible independence in learning
- to promote the values of honesty, fairness, respect for others, etc.
- enable rational conflict-resolution

Teacher’s Practice and Philosophy of Teaching and Discipline

- Emphasizes due rights, responsibilities and rules
- Minimizes hostility and embarrassment in teacher and student interactions
- Develops and maintains respectful treatment
- Develops a climate of choice
- Provides due right of reply to the student
- follows-up and follows through with disruptive students
- includes a wide support base as necessary to improve and enable a positive working and social environment for students and teachers alike