

Satisfactory participation in CEOEE practical trips and excursions

Satisfactory participation in School supervised activities, particularly practical trips

Satisfactory participation is described in each unit outline.

In general, satisfactory participation in any CEOEE trips includes:

- Attendance a planning and preparation sessions
- Accurately completing a pre-trip check-in
- Adequate preparation and equipment
- Active engagement and involvement in trip activities
- Demonstrating a commitment to safety and good judgement
- Commitment to the programmed learning activities

Satisfactory participation is more about active commitment and demonstrated safety focus than about standards of performance or activity skill.

Smoking

For the health of all members of the CEOEE, and because many graduates become role models for young people, the CEOEE strongly and actively discourages smoking.

Smoking is not permitted during COOEE supervised activities such as classes, field trips, and practical work except under the strictly limited conditions described below. No smoking at all is permitted in any circumstances in which there is a potential fire hazard.

Students who are participants in an activity (class, field trip, or prac trip) who wish to smoke must do so -

- at a substantial distance from others who are not smoking (so that there is absolutely no chance of smoke reaching others [for reasons of comfort of others and the risk of passive smoking])
- in a way which does not interfere with the conduct of the activity (for example, not contributing to a clique of "smokers" and "non-smokers", or interrupting a discussion to which the whole group should contribute)
- in a way which does not interfere with the smoker's participation in the activity (for example, not leaving a discussion during a trip to have a cigarette)
- in a way that does not present any safety risks due to proximity to equipment or bushfire hazard.

Students who are leaders or teachers in an activity (class, field trip, or prac trip) must demonstrate appropriate role models. For this reason, leaders and teachers who wish to smoke must do so -

- in a manner which is completely unobtrusive and unknown insofar as possible to participants in the activity.
The leader or teacher must not smoke in front of the group, must not leave the group to go have a cigarette if it is obvious what is happening, must not have cigarettes in a place where participants may see them, and so forth.

Smoking in a tent is prohibited. CEOEE regards control of smoking as an element of good judgement for future leaders and teachers, and therefore includes compliance with smoking policy as part of the assessment of satisfactory participation.

Alcohol and use of illegal/recreational drugs

The use of alcohol and/or illegal/recreational drugs, including marijuana, by students is prohibited at all times during School supervised activities.

Drug and/or alcohol use on any practical trip will be considered as unambiguous evidence of unfitness for leadership, and will result in an unsatisfactory grade for that practical trip.

Informing leaders and teachers of potential safety problems

All students are expected to inform the leader or teacher of an activity (prac trip, field trip, or class) if they are aware of any behaviour of one or more participants which may create safety problems. For example, if a student is aware that another student has smoked marijuana the evening before a rock climbing session, it is expected that he or she will inform the leader/teacher of this behaviour, as it may potentially affect the second student's judgment and/or physical fitness and the safety of others with whom the student works.

Use of private mobile phones on trips and in classes

Students are requested to be sensitive about the use of mobile phones while on practical trips.

There may be occasions when students are asked not to take or use phones on trips because of the particular nature of the experience which is being sought. Staff will give further guidance about the use of mobile phones on particular trips as required.

As a courtesy and to avoid disrupting classes and other group experiences, students are requested not to have mobile phones turned on during class or at other group participation times. Because mobile phones can provide essential information about weather or fire hazards, and because they might be needed for emergency communication, students are strongly encouraged to conserve phone batteries and keep non-essential use of phones to a minimum.

Immediate health conditions and emotional well-being

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that leaders, and in some cases peers (for example tent partners, climbing partners, or canoeing partners) are aware of any health or personal matters that might compromise their participation in a practical trip.

Feedback

Students are welcome to discuss School policies with staff, with either of the Directors, and with other University staff as needed. Feedback is always welcome.