

## Hope Camps Terms and Conditions, 2026.

Hope Camps are a unique ministry of Hope Baptist Church which began in the summer of 2022. It was inspired at the time for both the temporal and eternal benefit of the young people of Victoria, struggling incredibly during the government mandated lockdowns of the previous two years.

Hope Camps began with the distinct purpose of sharing the gospel of Christ, and it does so by reaching out to ALL the young people of our state.

It was also determined to make the camps **FREE** of charge to all campers. Hope Camps is a Pioneer of free of Christian camps and pray that many will follow in our footsteps for the sake of our children.

Volunteers are also FREE of Charge. It goes without saying that many had taken the week off work to help in this work and the last thing we would do is charge them for the privilege. Tremendous thanks and gratitude to all those who bless us with their help, it is greatly appreciated.

It is for this reason we have determined to ensure the camps run with as minimum disruption as possible with a small number of rules that will remain the condition for campers to remain at our camps.

These may change as the years go by, but for 2026 they are noted below.

Kind regards, Pr Edi Giudetti.

### Instant Expulsion

**Instant expulsion** activities are due to serious occurrences committed by a camper. The decision to send someone home is at the express discretion of the Camp Director. The below actions will be responded to with zero tolerance and, depending on the nature of the acts, may also be reported to the Police. Instant Expulsion activities are not therefore limited to the list below.

1. Violence and Abusive Behaviour.
2. Possession or use of any drug of addiction (including alcohol).

3. Theft or damage to any item or property.
4. Violations of either persons or property.

### Two Strikes Rule

A Two Strikes Rule is applied to all Campers for all or any of the below items; the **first 'strike'** is a warning given to the child and contact is made with the parent or guardian that they may be requested to collect their child, the **second 'strike'** is for the child to be collected by a parent or guardian.

1. Any Mobile phones or web connecting devices smuggled into camp **will be confiscated** with the first and **only warning**.
2. Campers beyond Boundaries of the Camp grounds.
3. Campers outside of their respective cabins between 10:30pm & 6:30am.
4. Abusive language (Swearing) is not tolerated.
5. Cabin leader discretion.

### Cabins Rules

1. All Campers will be allocated a cabin on arrival, any Campers wishing to change cabins, must have a signed **Change of Cabin Form**. (Ask your cabin leader)
2. Campers are **not** to frequent any cabin that is not their own.
3. Campers are **not** to remain in their cabins without permission during activities, chapel or free time.
4. Cabins are **not** a "hangout".

### Sleeping arrangements

1. All Campers are to be inside their respective cabins no later than 10:00pm.
2. Any Campers found to be leaving cabins without permission for any reason after 10:30pm, will be either given a warning or be reported to the Camp Director for action.
  - A second breach of this rule will have the Camper sent home.
3. Lights out by 10:30pm or by discretion of the cabin leader.

## Dress Code

Dress code below applies to both boys and girls, discretion and modesty is imperative.

1. All clothing is to be **modest** and neat casual. Items such as **singlets** and **short shorts** are **BANNED**.
2. Pool attire to be a dark coloured T-Shirt and board shorts as minimum.
3. Dress code is otherwise to the discretion of respective Cabin Leader.

**NB:** An option for Hope Camps to provide you with appropriate clothing is available 😊 . *Not sure if you will like the cloths we have for you.... :P*

## Photography

Campers may be photographed by still shots or video in any public access area (Not in cabins) and during any of the activities for the duration of their attendance at the camp. These are to be used for both the promotion of future camps via differing forms of media, and for memory keepsakes for the campers at the end of camp.

## Closing

Hope Camps are FREE of charge, but they are not free to Hope Baptist Church. The average cost to us is about \$300 per person and is provided to us by many people who care for these Children and love what we are doing for the sake of the gospel. Further, all volunteers have given up their week from work and thereby attend these camps for the benefit of the children at their own cost.

Therefore, respect for both those who have donated to the camp in either time or money or both is to be expected.

The purpose of the camp is primarily for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ and is a ministry of Hope Baptist Church, located in Sunbury Victoria.

We greatly appreciate your help and your understanding of our purpose and responsibility.