



APPENDIX 1 DEECD Staff – Student Ratios

EXCURSIONS

Staff : Student Ratio

Day excursions (not involving adventure activities)

- 1 : 20

Overnight excursions (not involving adventure activities)

Base camps in residential premises or under canvas

- 1 : 10

Study camps in residential premises

- 1 : 10

Tours, including interstate tours

- 1 : 15

Overseas tours

- 1 : 10

BOATING ACTIVITIES

Staff : Student Ratio

Canoeing

- 1 : 6

Rafting

- 1 : 6

Rowing

- 1 : 9

Sailboarding – beginners

- 1 : 3

- semi-experienced

- 1 : 5

Water skiing (in tow)

- 1 : 1

SWIMMING – BASED ACTIVITIES

Staff : Student Ratio

Recreational Swimming

Swimming pools and confined, shallow natural water

- 1 : 10

Open deep water

- 1 : 10

Surf beaches

- 1 : 5

Snorkel Swimming

Beginners

- 1 : 6

Training situations in clear, confined water, without wind, swell or waves

- 1 : 12

Semi-experienced in calm water not exceeding 15 metres

- 1 : 8

Snorkel Diving

Training situations in clear confined water, without wind, swell or waves

- 1 : 12

Semi-experienced in open water

- 1 : 6

Experienced in open water

- 1 : 8

Surfing • 1 : 8

LAND – BASED ACTIVITIES

Staff : Student Ratio

Bushwalking

Day walks

- 1 : 10

Overnight

- 1 : 5

Cycling • 1 : 10

Orienteering

City or town parklands with defined boundaries

- 1 : 20

Streets and small area of bushland with well-defined boundaries

- 1 : 15

Larger and more remote areas of bushland

- 1 : 10

Rock Climbing and Abseiling

Beginners

- 1 : 1

Semi-experienced

- 1 : 3

Non-active climbers

- 1 : 10

Skiing

Ski village areas for alpine and cross country skiing:

One-day visit

- 1 : 10

Overnight stay

- 1 : 8

Non-ski village areas day and overnight

- 1 : 5

For further ratios refer to 4.4.2.6 of the Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide