



Deutsche Schule Melbourne – Camp progression

Below is an outline of the progression of camps across the school. While the specific locations and activities are subject to change each year, the broad outlines of the academic and personal learning goals remain the same.

	Example activities	Academic learning	Personal learning
Foundation	School movie night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German movie • German games • German snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting language learning • opportunities for language use • exposure to German culture 	Students develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through an evening away from home in a familiar environment with a familiar cohort • take responsibility for looking after personal items
Year 1 (with Year 2)	School sleepover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German movie • German games • German snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting language learning • opportunities for language use • exposure to German culture 	Students develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through a night away from home in a familiar environment • responsibility for looking after personal items • responsibility for personal hygiene (teeth and toileting) • friendships with students of a different cohort
Years 2 (with Year 1)	School sleepover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German movie • German games • German snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting language learning • opportunities for language use • exposure to German culture 	Students consolidate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through a night away from home in familiar environment and following a familiar routine • responsibility for looking after personal items • responsibility for personal hygiene (teeth and toileting) • developing friendships with students of a different cohort Additionally, familiarity with program projects confidence to younger students and allows the older cohort to take on leadership roles.



	Example activities	Academic learning	Personal learning
Years 3 & 4, academic learning focus	2-night camp in local area, e.g. zoo, Scienceworks, city camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoo: biodiversity and ecosystems • Scienceworks: solar system, robotics • city camp: gallery or museum visit 	<p>Students build on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through 2 nights away from home with a familiar cohort • responsibility for belongings over a longer period of time • responsibility for personal hygiene, including showering • reconnecting with friends from the other cohort <p>Additionally, students have an opportunity to reconnect with friends from the other cohort.</p>
Years 3 & 4, personal learning focus	2-night adventure camp in local area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ropes courses • obstacle courses • other adventure activities • hut or raft building • puzzle solving • - teamwork challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore local biome • field work • historical site visit 	<p>Students build on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through 2 nights away from home with familiar cohort • responsibility for belongings over a longer period of time • responsibility for personal hygiene, including showering <p>Students develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ability to recognise their comfort zone and extend their boundaries • improved teamwork and communication skills



	Example activities	Academic learning	Personal learning
Years 5 & 6, academic learning focus	4-night camp in Canberra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visit Parliament House • meet MPs • visit to German embassy • National Museum of Australia • Australian National Gallery • Museum of Australian Democracy • Questacon • Australian Mint • Reconciliation Walk • Mt Stromlo Observatory • Arboretum • Australian Institute of Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian governance and democracy • Australia-Germany diplomatic relationships and partnerships • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories • important moments in Australian history • Australian art and artists, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists • Reconciliation 	Students build on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through 4 nights away from home with a familiar cohort • responsibility for belongings for an extended period of time • responsibility for personal hygiene • reconnecting with friends from the other cohort
Years 5 & 6, personal learning focus	4-night adventure camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ropes courses • obstacle courses • canoeing • other adventure activities • hut or raft building • puzzle solving • teamwork challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore local biome • explore local historical site • explore local indigenous site 	Students build on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence through 4 nights away from home with a familiar cohort • responsibility for belongings for an extended period of time, including gear that may get wet • responsibility for personal hygiene • reconnecting with friends from the other cohort • extending beyond their comfort zone and trying new activities • improve teamwork and communication skills