

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

POLICY

Rationale:

- Students at our school can participate in many extra-curricula after school sports activities and teams in a variety of affiliated competitions. After school sports teams provide an excellent opportunity for students to be physically active, learn skills, build relationships and experience the thrills and disappointments of competition.

Aims:

- To encourage and assist students in their positive involvement in after school sports activities.

Implementation:

- Our school encourages our students to be involved in well run, organised and affiliated after school sporting events.
- Whilst after school sports teams may use the school grounds to practice, may use the school name, may use school equipment and may receive support from the school, they are not the responsibility of the school staff or school council.
- After school sports teams are the responsibility of the parents, community members or club members who volunteer to co-ordinate them.
- School Council will make it clear, in writing to each after school sports team coordinator, that the teams are not the responsibility of the school, school staff or school council.
- If after school sports teams are to use the schools facilities, name, uniforms and equipment etc; they must be affiliated with an officially recognised and incorporated league or competition for purposes of public liability insurance and other legal matters.
- Each after school sport team must nominate a reliable liaison person as a point of communication between the school and the team.
- School Council will provide assistance by means of grounds usage, uniforms, balls and similar resources as appropriate.
- The school principal will provide support by means of advice to sporting team coordinators, messages in newsletters and general matters of communication between students and home.
- Teams are required to develop or adopt and implement league codes of conduct for students, officials and parents.
- Disputes need to be resolved at a team level, or league level, and generally do not involve the school.
- It is likely that problematic after school sporting teams that reflect our school poorly to the wider community will lose the support of School Council and the principal. Should this unlikely event occur the team could no longer function as a team associated with our school, and will have the support of the school withdrawn.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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