

POLICY - PARTICIPATION IN SPORT AT CAMPBELLS BAY SCHOOL

Rationale

The Board recognises that while physical education and health are part of the compulsory curriculum, sport that sits outside of classroom experiences is extracurricular. It is voluntary in respect to student participation and to the school providing organisational structure and support. The Board provides significant support, by way of resourcing, to ensure these voluntary sporting opportunities are available to our students in the context that participation, variety and fun are the key objectives of organising any chosen sport in the school. Providing sporting opportunities also aligns with the Board's strategic priority to provide rich learning opportunities for students. It is the Board's expectation that fair play and positive attitudes in sport will grow learners for life who strive for excellence. Because of this, we expect that the school and its community will promote desirable behaviour of students, coaches, managers, parents/caregivers and supporters (collectively, "**participants**") with this expectation in mind.

Purposes

- (a) To ensure that students get to "have a go" at sport;
- (b) To ensure that sport in the school is having a positive impact on students with the goal that students get to have fun and a variety of experiences;
- (c) To involve participants in fair play practices and to ensure all participants exhibit fair play; and
- (d) To ensure staff/management time is spent, in the main, on matters concerning the compulsory curriculum.

Guidelines

1. There is no requirement for the school to engage in negotiations or discussions with parents/caregivers about the school's sports programme processes unless there is a concern about safety.
2. The respective roles of participants will be made clear by the school via a written "code of conduct" document in advance of any sporting code season commencing.
3. Students, coaches, managers and parents/caregivers will be expected to adhere to the code of conduct issued by the school prior to: (i) the relevant student being eligible to commence the particular sport that they wish to take part in, in the case of a student; and (ii) the relevant coaches, managers and parents/caregivers being eligible to coach or otherwise be involved in the particular sport (other than as a spectator) being offered by the school.
4. Inappropriate behaviour by participants may result in a student being temporarily stood down by the school from the relevant sports team(s), and/or other participants being removed from the school grounds during the relevant sport/training events (or at any other time as appropriate).
5. In exceptional circumstances, the Board may also request that a student be removed from a sports team indefinitely if the guidelines are not adhered to.

Conclusion:

The school is not legally obliged to offer sports through the school. But in recognition that sport is designed to be a positive experience for students and aligns with the school's vision of growing learners for life who strive for excellence, the school offers this extra-curricular activity because we feel it is very important. To this end, participants have a key role to play in exhibiting fair play and a positive attitude towards sport.

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