
Policy: Sports Policy

School: Benalla P-12 College

Section: Curriculum 4.4

Version: One

Sport Policy

Agreed Understandings:

1. Sport should be seen as integral to the curriculum and to individual academic progress.
2. Sport is a valued and accepted part of the school's curriculum because it contributes to the development of the whole child.
3. The long-term participation of students in physical activity should receive appropriate encouragement.
4. Student participation in sport is best encouraged through appropriate skill development and training, as well as through the opportunity to compete successfully against other schools.

Guidelines:

1. The school should have appropriately qualified staff to lead the sports program.
2. The selection of sports in which the school competes with other schools should be influenced by the expertise of staff, the availability of appropriate facilities, the accessibility of sports to the majority of students and the ability of students to compete at a high level of performance.
3. There should be close links between the PE Department and the Sports Program.
4. Staff should be encouraged and their efforts recognised in leading the sports program.
5. Students should be encouraged and their representation of the school in inter-school sport should be recognised and credentialed.
6. Local opportunities for extending sports activities should be utilised by the school.

Implementation:

1. Benalla P-12 College holds 3 major carnivals annually, Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. On each of these days students are expected to arrive at school as normal, and then will travel to the designated venue as arranged by the school. It is an expectation of the school that the students will participate in the activities organised.
2. Benalla P-12 College will supply a team to compete in all three major carnivals (Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country) organised by the Southern Ranges School Sports Division for Years 7-12 and Ovens and Mitta Division for Years 3-6.
3. For each Round Robin, students will be given the opportunity to participate in set sports.
4. Round Robin 1 (7-12): Tennis, Cricket and Volleyball.

5. Round Robin 2 (7-10): AFL, Soccer and Netball (11-12): AFL, Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Table Tennis and Basketball. Round Robin 3 (7-10): Hockey, Table Tennis and Basketball. Years 5 and 6 students will be encouraged to tryout, train and compete at Interschool level.
6. All students will be encouraged to participate actively in organised sport within the community, after school and on weekends.
7. Incursions will be offered to all students in order to build community relationships with local sporting groups. Where available these will be facilitated by regional and state coaching staff: sports include hockey, tennis, soccer and cricket.
8. The PE Department will assist with the preparation of school teams by concentrating on skill acquisition and development in the PE program, with particular reference to Swimming, Athletics and Cross-country running and the scheduling of inter-school competitions.
9. A notice board and appropriate displays will be established for the organised sports.
10. The inclusion of other team sports will be considered in future years taking in to account the interest of students and staff, the continuity of interest and the skill level of students.
11. Subsidised bus transportation will be provided to teams representing the school and students will be expected to make a set contribution to the costs involved.

Basis for discretion:

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

Date ratified by Benalla P-12 College Council: 22 June, 2015

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