

# **Timboon P-12 school Sport Education**

# **POLICY**

Sport education encompasses the school's sport program, intra-school and inter-school sports participation, playground games and training sessions.

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY**

- 1.1 To promote physical activity that encourages and promotes health, fitness and general well being.
- 1.2 To provide a School's Sport Education Program that caters for students' individual abilities.
- 1.3 To provide students with positive experiences during sport participation.
- 1.4 To foster participation and excellence in a variety of sports through providing equipment for recess and lunch breaks and regular games, competition and training.
- 1.5 To provide competition at intra-school and inter-school level in a range of sport activities, where interest and enthusiasm is shown.

## **2.0 PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1 All students should be encouraged to actively participate in the school's sport program.
- 2.2 All students should be expected to display good sportsmanlike behavior in any sporting events and programs.
- 2.3 All students should have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities.
- 2.4 A sports coordinator should be appointed at each campus to coordinate sports activities.
- 2.5 Representation outside the school will be in line with School Representation Policy 3.42
- 2.6 All staff are expected to support the sports program.
- 2.7 The sports program should be resourced through the school's program budget. Students may be required to meet the cost of the bus or other transport to sporting venues.
- 2.8 The school should provide financial assistance to students who have qualified to compete at state level.

## **3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE**

### **3.1 Intra-School House Sports**

- 3.1.1 The student population will be divided into houses.
- 3.1.2 Allocation of students into the three houses will take place to allow for equal distribution of numbers in age groups and gender across all three houses. New students enrolled in later years will also be allocated into house on this basis.
- 3.1.3 At the secondary campus boy and girl house captains and vice captains will be elected by the students in that house at the end of each year in consultation with house staff.
- 3.1.4 At the primary campus senior boy and girl house captains and vice captains will be elected by the students in the house at the start of each year.
- 3.1.5 Intra-School House competition will be conducted annually in swimming, athletics and cross country running.
- 3.1.6 Intra-School House competition will cater for full range of student's abilities designed to maximize participation and, where possible, serve as selection for interschool sports.

### **3.2 Inter-School Sports**

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- 3.2.1 At the secondary campus the school, each year, will join the Hampden Secondary Schools Sports Association (HSSSA) and the Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association (VSSSA) to provide students with an avenue for competition through to state and national level.
  - 3.2.2 At the primary campus the school, each year will join the-current Cluster membership- and the Victorian Primary Schools' Sports association (VPSSA) to provide students with an avenue for competition through to state and national level.
  - 3.2.3 Fees for association memberships will be paid from the sports education budget.
  - 3.2.4 The school will respond to student interests in various sports by providing avenues for them to enter inter-school sports though the appropriate sports bodies where possible.
  - 3.2.5 In sports where we have a school based competition (currently athletics, swimming and cross country), selection for inter school teams will be based on performance.
  - 3.2.6 In sports where there is no school based competition, selection for inter school teams will be based on student interest with the aim of encouraging participation.
  - 3.2.7 The school needs to be confident that students selected can behave appropriately while representing the school at inter-school sports events. In line with School Representation Policy 3.42
  - 3.2.8 Student's general school behavior and attitude will also have a bearing on their eligibility in representing the school. Students who have been excluded from an inter-school sports event will be given the opportunity to redeem themselves and be reconsidered for re-inclusion in future inter-school sports events.
  - 3.2.9 Students and parents will be notified beforehand if exclusion of a student is being considered.
- 3.4 **Sports Education Program**
- 3.4.1 A sports education program of 90 minutes per week will be provided to students from Yr 3 – 6 for the duration of the school year.
  - 3.4.2 The sports education program and the physical education program, where possible, will compliment each other to develop student skills.
  - 3.4.3 The sports education program will be conducted in accordance with the school's Sun Smart Policy.
- 3.5 Student skills will be fostered by providing sports equipment and regular games activities and training sessions during morning recess and lunch breaks.
  - 3.6 Student achievements will be acknowledged through the school newsletter, the local press, school assemblies and award ceremonies.
  - 3.7 The school sports program, where possible, will try to utilize community expertise to provide and enhance the program.
  - 3.8 The school will encourage staff members to develop or refine sports expertise through participation in coaching courses as part of their professional development programs.