

School Sport Policy

Rationale

At Caritas College we provide a range of sporting opportunities, appropriate to the age, interest, and sporting ability of the children. The intent of this policy is to support students to participate in school sport based on positive school attendance, academic commitment and demonstrating expected behaviours.

We do this through:

- the Health and Physical Education curriculum
- SAPSASA (South Australian Public Schools Amateur Sports Association, first round only)
- SSSSA (Secondary School Sports South Australia, first round only)
- Specialised sport clinics that run during school time eg. Hot Shots Tennis, R-4 Swimming
- School sports days

Our emphasis is on enjoyment and the development of the individual and team skills.

All official sport events and competitions are coordinated by the School Sport Coordinator.

The role of the School Sport Coordinator includes:

- Promotion of sporting events and competitions to students
- Implementation of relevant school and CESA policies and procedures
- Coordination of teams representing the school
- Coordination and facilitation of onsite sporting activities and events
- Liaising with relevant leadership staff for improved practices
- To inform families of nomination, selection, and participation processes
- To ensure teams have appropriate equipment, uniforms and First Aid Kits
- Management of nomination, selection and participation processes
- Liaising with relevant leadership staff for final participation

Procedure

Health and Physical Education

All students are required to participate in the Health and Physical Education curriculum R-10. Year 11-12 the two subject areas become elective subject choices.

Where a student is unable to participate in physical activity, an alternative will be arranged post communication with student and their families.

SAPSASA

During the year, students will be invited to nominate for a range of sports.

Male sports: Basketball, Netball, Football, Cricket

Female sports: Basketball, Netball, Football, Cricket

Athletics competition will be informed by our school Sports Day results, students will be invited based on these results for final trials.

Selection for SAPSASA sports is dependent on student nominations.

- If there are not enough Year 6 students to fill the teams, Year 5s will be invited to nominate
- If there are too many Year 5 students, a trial will be undertaken
- In the event that there are not enough Year 5 and 6 students, Year 4 students will be invited

Prior to a competition, student's teachers and leadership will be asked to approve students' participation based on meeting school behavioural expectations: Safe, Responsible and Respectful and academic requirements of all formative and summative work being up to date. Where a student has had extended absences, teachers may not be able to approve participation.

Students will receive the final permission slip prior to competition to indicate final selection in the competition team /s.

SSSSA

At the beginning of each year, students will be invited to nominate to trial for a maximum of two sports.

Male sports: Basketball, Football

Female sports: Basketball, Football or Netball

Once nominated, students will be invited to trial for their selected sports. Through the trial process three members of staff will undertake the selection process to obtain a squad of players for that sport and age bracket.

For all sports mentioned, the age brackets are as follows:

- Year 7 and 8
- Year 9 and 10
- Year 11 and 12
- Girls Football – Year 7-9 & Year 10-12

In the instance of a higher age bracket having insufficient numbers, younger students may be required to fill up. Selection is on merit, as limited teams / positions are available. Where students have similar ability, preference will be given to the higher year level.

The squad determined after trials will inform final selections for competitions across the school year depending on school behavioural and academic expectations being met. Prior to a competition, student's teachers and leadership will be asked to approve students' participation based on meeting school behavioural expectations: *Safe, Responsible* and *Respectful* and academic requirements of all formative and summative work being up to date. Where a student has had extended absences, teachers may not be able to approve participation.

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Student behaviour

The behaviour expected of Caritas College students aligns with our school wide expectations; Safe, Responsible and Respectful. When issues arise because of students' misbehaviour the following procedure should be followed:

1. A staff member should withdraw the student from the match and clearly outline the behaviour expectation not being met. When the student is calm and compliant and the staff member deems the student ready to return, the student may rejoin the game.
2. Should the behaviour be repeated, the staff member should withdraw the student for the remainder of the match / competition. The carers and Sports Coordinator should be contacted.
3. Should the behaviour be ongoing, the staff member will report to relevant school leadership.

Non-player behaviour

School sport is about children learning skills and having fun with their peers. We need to provide a positive environment for this to occur and it is inappropriate for children to see people modelling poor behaviour. Therefore, there should be no abuse, either verbal or physical, of umpires, spectators, players or officials. This includes parents/caregivers towards their own children.

If the person is from Caritas College

1. A staff member will speak with the person privately requesting the behaviour to stop.
2. If behaviour persists, the staff member will ask the person to leave.
3. If the behaviour is repeated, the matter will be referred to the school leadership team.
4. Repeated poor behaviour may result in the person being suspended from attending school sporting events.

If the person is from an opposing team:

1. The staff member will talk to the opposing team coach / coordinator.
2. The staff member, teacher in charge will speak to our participants and spectators and request to not get involved.
3. The staff member / teacher in charge will take note and report to school leadership.
4. If action is necessary, the principal will be asked to contact the other school to report the problem.

At no time should any Caritas College person approach another school directly to complain.

Grievance Procedure

In the first instance communication should be made with the School Sports Coordinator, who will bring the matter to the attention of school leadership if deemed necessary.

Roles and Responsibilities

The below stakeholders have the following responsibilities in relation to the School Sports Policy and Procedures:

Students will:

- Be familiar with and support the School Sports Policy and Procedure
- Respect the nomination, selection, and participation process.
- Positively engage with school sporting events and competitions.

Parents / caregivers will:

- Be familiar with and support the School Sports Policy and Procedure
- Actively encourage student participation
- Respect the nomination, selection, and participation process
- Work in partnership with the College to support the expectations outline as conditions of participation

Staff will:

- Actively promote school sporting opportunities
- Support student nomination, selection, and participation processes
- Model safe, respectful, and responsible behaviours
- Communicate relevant information with student, parents/caregivers, and leadership

Board will:

- Ensure the policy is implemented
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the School Sports Policy
- Support staff in implementing policies and procedures

Links

This Behaviour Education Policy has links to a number of other policies and documents:

- [CESA Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy](#)
- [CESA Building Respectful Relationships: Behaviour Education and Student Behaviour Support Policy](#)
- Caritas College Behaviour Education Policy
- Caritas College Anti-Bullying & Anti-Harassment Policy & Procedure
- PBIS Family Handbook
- PBIS Staff Handbook

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