
Policy: Sports Policy

School: Benalla P-12 College

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Sport Policy

Basic Beliefs:

- Sport should be seen as integral to the curriculum and to individual academic progress.
- Sport is a valued and accepted part of the school's curriculum because it contributes to the development of the whole child.
- Student participation in sport is best encouraged through appropriate skill development and training.
- Students should have the opportunity to represent our school at District, Division, Regional & State levels.
- The school to promote the benefits of being physically active and involved as part of a team and to develop connections with local community sporting groups.

Guidelines:

- The school should have appropriately qualified staff to lead the sports program.
- 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.
- There should be close links between the PE Department and the Sports Program.
- Staff should be encouraged and supported to provide an appropriate sports program.
- Students should be encouraged and their representation of the school in inter-school sport should be recognised and credentialed.
- Local opportunities for extending sports activities should be utilised by the school.
- Benalla P-12 College holds two major carnivals annually, Swimming and Athletics. 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. It will be expected all students from Year 3-12 compete in the school Cross Country-
- At Benalla P-12 College the structure for participation and potential progression pathways are:
 - District – at this level the expectation is all students participate
 - Division – qualifying students
 - Region – qualifying students
 - State – qualifying studentsThe above mentioned stages relate to Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics
- Round Robin – is offered to Year 7-12 students in a variety of sports (netball, AFL, soccer, hockey, table tennis, basketball) dependent on numbers
 - Winter Sports Day – is offered for qualifying Year 5/6 students in the following sports: netball, AFL, soccer and tee ball.
- All students will be encouraged to participate actively in organised sport within the community, after school and on weekends.
- Incursions - will be offered to relevant year levels 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.

- 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.
- The PE Department will organise Inter House Competition to further promote the benefits of being physically active and involved as part of a team.
- A notice board and appropriate displays will be established for the organised sports.
- 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.
- 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.

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