



St Brigid's Catholic School

New Norfolk

SCHOOL SPORT POLICY

RATIONALE

The St Brigid's Catholic School Sport Policy focuses on the needs of the students. Equal opportunity for participation in school sponsored and managed sporting activities and events will be made available to students in primary grades.

AIMS

- To foster active participation, not winning and losing.
- To emphasise and develop skills, a sporting attitude and social interaction.
- To participate for enjoyment in sporting activities.
- To foster sporting activities that support team participation.

PROCEDURES

- This policy is to be read and used in conjunction with the *Sports Risk Management Guidelines*.
- All teachers, parents and coaches will understand their responsibilities regarding supervision, WHS and duty of care for teams with which they are involved.
- Teams that represent the school and are supervised by members of staff will have St Brigid's Catholic School in their titles.
- Wherever possible, sporting activities shall take place during school hours.
- Travel by bus is the preferred transport to be used. Please be aware, due to the H & S Act 2013 transport in private cars is not permissible.
- All teams are under the direct supervision of the teacher-in-charge of the particular group/team. The responsibility for teams, parent assistants and spectators rests with the teacher-in-charge.
- Parental involvement as coaches, managers, umpires or assistants is welcomed. They must adhere to these policy guidelines and be registered volunteers with the TCEO.
- The ultimate responsibility for all sporting groups/teams rests with the principal.

- Inappropriate behaviour or language will not be tolerated, either from team members or adults involved at the event. The teacher-in-charge will, in these cases, take necessary and appropriate action. A report will be made to the principal, who may then take further action.
- School sports carnivals will be organised by the Health and Physical Education Teacher, and procedures for each carnival, such as venue, tracks and facilities, will be checked by the WHS officer to make sure they are safe and comply with WHS policies.
- School sports carnivals that are off-site, ie. not held on St. Brigid's Catholic School grounds, will be treated as an excursion, and the school's Minor Excursion Policy will be implemented. The responsibility of fulfilling the requirements of the Minor Excursion Policy, including obtaining parental permission, lies with the Health and Physical Education Teacher.
- In case of injury, accident or other medical emergency, the following procedures are to be implemented: **(Refer also to First Aid Policy)**
 - (A) If the child requires immediate medical attention, the teacher-in-charge or another appropriate adult will take the necessary action i.e. administer first aid and/or call an ambulance, or take the child to the nearest hospital and inform the Principal as soon as possible. The principal will in turn contact the child's parents.
 - (B) If the child does not require immediate medical attention, the principal will be notified upon return and the parents will be contacted.
 - (C) Follow-up procedures will be undertaken according to the nature of each individual case and in consultation with the parents as appropriate.

*This policy and associated practices will be reviewed as part of the
St Brigid's Catholic School policy review cycle.*

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