



Policy Number:	STUDENT 36
Policy Name:	Inter-School Sport Policy
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PREAMBLE

God is at the centre of our College...Mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel. We encourage every student to grow in the fullness of life and realise their potential through the bread we break at school, the bread of relationships and the bread of conversation. Let us engage the heart and bring faith to life and life to faith (Thomas Groome).

LEGISLATION

This policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in *Ministerial Order No. 870*. This policy applies to St Joseph's College staff, including employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

1. PURPOSE

1.1 St Joseph's College regards involvement in sport as an integral component of a student's education. Inter-School Sport provides an excellent opportunity for students to participate in co-ordinated sports activities whilst representing St Joseph's College. It provides a challenge for individuals but also opportunities to develop team skills. It also promotes pride in the College and develops relationships between students and also with staff.

1.2 The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework by which St Joseph's College can offer opportunities for students to engage in Inter-School Sport, but to also support students to achieve from local to state levels.

2. INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTING COMPETITIONS

2.1 St Joseph's College is a member of School Sports Victoria (SSV) and most of our involvement in competitive sports is conducted through this organisation.

2.2 St Joseph's College may be involved in other sporting competitions as they arise, such as 'Field and Game' shooting competitions and 'Three Day Eventing'. Involvement in any competition is based on the assumption that St Joseph's College students will have the opportunity to succeed, especially where there may be limited opportunities within the local community.

2.3 Prior to the end of each year, the College Sports Co-ordinator will contribute to the planning of local school events with other schools in the region, conducted by the Local SSV Co-ordinator. In that meeting, the College will attempt to calendar involvement in sports within the existing College calendar. The College has little influence on the timing of regional levels of competition. Dates of State levels of competition are generally not known at this time.

2.4 Dates of major College events and activities will be avoided and all events need to be approved by the College Management Team. All approved dates will be published on the official College calendar.

2.5 Involvement in State levels of competition is subject to successful completion at local and regional level, but is also subject to point 2.4.

3. SUPPORT OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

3.1 The College commits to providing opportunities and support for students to compete in all approved SSV competitions from local to state levels. This applies to both teams and individuals.

3.2 Support is extended in the form of co-ordination with SSV, administration of teams, coaching and staff supervision, as well as co-ordination of transport, accommodation and food.

3.3 Support also includes alerting students and parents of successful progress to the next level of competition, as well as the provision of relevant information to parents via formal notification, given in a timely manner.

3.4 The College will endeavour to provide staff coaching and supervisory support whenever there are four or more students involved in a particular competition.

3.5 Where the College is unable to provide staff supervision as in point 3.4, support will continue to be provided in the form of co-ordination with SSV, administration of paperwork and advice on transport and accommodation. The College may seek assistance with supervision, accommodation and transport from other schools. Where this is unable to be organised, limited financial assistance will be provided to families to cover the costs of accommodation and transport when the students are representing the College - \$100 per student for regional competition and \$200 per student for state competition. The extent of financial assistance will be detailed in a letter and will be provided upon the provision of receipts.

4. STUDENT AND FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS

4.1 All students may be required to contribute to the cost of food, depending on the trip. For example, overnight trips for State level competition. Parents will be informed via formal communication detailing trip requirements.

4.2 Please note that as this is not a curriculum based excursion, the costs are not covered by the St Joseph's College Global Fee.

5. COACHES

5.1 All staff are encouraged to coach at least one sport.

5.2 Coaches are selected by one or more of the following:

- Previous involvement/experience with the sport
- Interest in the sporting activity
- A willingness to be involved and undertake all the duties required

5.3 Coaches should be provided with an information folder, which contains a list of required duties, given by the College Sports Co-ordinator.

6. SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR TEAMS AND EVENTS

6.1 All known events are published on the College calendar and the shared calendar within the College Outlook program.

- 6.2 All students will be invited to sign up to a competition/sport via “sign-up sheets” that will be posted on the pin board in PE/Sports Department hallway. The opportunity to sign up will be advertised in the College Daily Bulletin and will only be available for students for two weeks (i.e.: Semester 1 Sports – Week 1 and 2 of Term 1; Semester 2 Sports – final two weeks of Term 2).
- 6.3 Students are only able to be involved in two representative competitions per Semester.
- 6.4 “Sign-up sheets” are provided to coaches as soon as they are determined.
- 6.5 Student selection is based primarily on attendance at meetings and try outs.
- 6.6 Coaches are responsible for the selection of students for teams/events.
- 6.7 House Leaders will be notified of selected teams before team announcements and have the right to veto student involvement based on previous indiscretions, misbehaviour, or for academic reasons. This occurs, where possible, prior to student and staff notification.
- 6.8 Students are notified of team selection as soon as possible after the meetings and/or tryouts, and House Leader approval.
- 6.9 Students involved in individual events such as swimming, cross country and athletics are notified on the day of competition of their progression to the next level.
- 6.10 Students in team sports are notified as soon as possible of successful progression to the next level of competition - LMR or State level.
- 6.11 Parents are informed of selection via letter at least two weeks prior to competition wherever possible.
- 6.12 All staff are to be advised of student attendees at least one week prior to competition.
- 6.13 All parent grievances regarding team selection or policy interpretation should first be brought to the attention of the Sports Co-ordinator and then the Deputy Principal - Community.