



St Joseph's Catholic School

Queenstown

SCHOOL SPORT POLICY

RATIONALE

The St Joseph'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

- All children who represent the school in any sporting activity will be awarded participation certificates.
- The school community will be encouraged to participate in regular (at least once per term 'walk to school' days, which may be complemented by the provision of a healthy breakfast at school.
- Students from Prep to Year 6 will participate in 15 minutes of daily fitness, ideally facilitated by student leaders in vertical class groupings.
- Students from Prep to Year 6 will be involved in an ACHPER Fitness program as part of weekly Sport sessions.
- Teachers, parents and coaches should understand their responsibilities regarding teams with which they are involved.
- Teams, that represent the school and are supervised by members of the teaching staff, will have St Joseph'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. However, transport in private cars is permissible provided that prior written consent is obtained from parents and each child is restrained in a properly fitted seat belt.
- 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 and they must adhere to these policy guidelines.
- 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 in the game. 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.
- 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 Joseph's Catholic School policy review cycle.

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