



Merbein P-10 College Sports Policy.

Preamble.

Sport is an important part of our community and is seen as an important part of the school curriculum. Sporting opportunities are offered at a number of different levels.

At a class level students are taught about sports as part of their Physical Education studies.

At a school level all students are given the opportunity to participate in House competitions in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. There are also other lunchtime sports competitions that students can participate in.

At interschool level we offer many sports throughout the year for students to try out for then train and compete in, which can lead to competition at a higher level.

Determination of Sports to pursue to the next levels of competition

Some of the individuals or teams that compete at the interschool level may win through to the next level of competition at a Zone level. The decision as to whether these teams proceed to the Zone level and then possibly the State level will be determined by the administration and leadership groups. These decisions will be made at the beginning of the year, but may be amended during the year if seen to be in the best interests of the school, students and families involved.

Student Eligibility.

House / Intra School sports.

All students will be encouraged to participate in the 3 major house competitions and the lunchtime competitions held throughout the year. Time will be set aside in the school program to allow maximum participation in these events.

Interschool / Zone / State Sports.

Students will be required to commit to attend training sessions as determined by the coach/ supervising teacher. These normally take place during lunchtimes at school.

Students will be required to demonstrate that their behaviour at school is of a standard that will allow them to represent our College at an interschool event. If a student has a significant number negative student referrals or have been suspended from school they may be ineligible to represent the school at inter school sports. If supervising teachers or classroom teachers have concerns about any students they are to speak with the student and Learning Centre Leader to determine an appropriate course of action. If agreements cannot be reached the Leadership team will assist with the decision making in conjunction with the families.

Students will be required to be up to date with work requirements from their regular classes. The supervising teacher will be required to publish a list of student names that the final team will be selected from at least 2 weeks prior to the event. If classroom teachers have concerns about any students they are to speak with the student and supervising teacher before team selections are made to determine an appropriate course of action. If agreements cannot be reached the Leadership team will assist with the decision making in conjunction with the families.

Organisation / Communication.

All sports dates must be placed on the school calendar at the beginning of each school year.

Teacher's names coaching the teams need to be supplied to the daily organiser and leadership at least 2 weeks prior to the event

Sports team squads that are planned to represent the College need to be selected a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the sporting competition and the names must be emailed to all staff 2 weeks prior to the event.

Arrangements for travel are to be arranged through the office at least 2 weeks prior to the competition date.

Permission notes are to be generated through the CASES program through the general office and are to be distributed to students no less than 1 week prior to the competition.

When a team or individual has won the right to represent the school at the next level competition and this competition is scheduled to occur less than 2 weeks after the qualifying competition, every effort is to be made to have tentative arrangements in place that can be enacted. The tentative arrangements must be communicated to the teams and their families prior to competing in their qualifying event.

Costs

The college will endeavour to keep the cost of sporting excursions to a minimum while maintaining safe standards.

All costs of local sports will be covered by parent levies and school contributions.

Students involved in sports teams that are required to travel will be required to pay a subsidized fee to help cover costs of travel, teacher coverage and accommodation if required. Students will be responsible for the cost of their food and drinks.

This is a new policy for 2015 To be reviewed in 2018