



INTERSCHOOL SPORT POLICY

Rationale:

Corpus Christi School aims to provide all students with the opportunity to develop and enrich their lives through sport. We acknowledge the important role that sporting competition can play in a child's social, emotional and physical development.

Aims:

Our Interschool Sport Policy is to ensure that Corpus Christi School provides an inclusive interschool sport program which promotes team and school spirit and allows students to:

- Learn new skills, interact, and compete with other students of their age
- Develop sporting skills
- Understand game strategies
- Increase fitness
- Develop appropriate attitudes for playing team sport
- Develop positive sporting behaviour
- Practise fair play
- Support each other
- Develop skills in managing feelings in times of success and defeat
- Enhance their acceptance of rules of games and activities.

Implementation:

Corpus Christi School Kingsville is a member of School Sports Victoria (SSV) Footscray District. All schools in the district are invited to compete in Carnivals and Interschool Sport.

The Carnivals that we are currently involved in each year are the Cross Country and Track and Field. These carnivals are an opportunity for students aged 10 years – 13 years to qualify for selection in the Footscray District Team. Selection for these carnivals is based on performances at our school Cross Country Trials and Athletics Carnival and may require students to meet qualifying times or distances to attend. Success at the District carnivals may lead to further representative opportunities such as Divisional, Regional and State competition. Should children be successful in qualification and wish to accept the invitation to compete at the higher level, it will be up to individual families to arrange transportation and supervision during the event times.

Interschool Sport is competed across two seasons (Winter and Summer). Children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate on a weekly basis during the seasons. Squads will be composed for each sport based upon student choice and students will remain in the same team throughout the season (including finals). A squad is defined as the required team number plus a small selection of reserves. The members of the squad should be rotated through the team on a regular basis to ensure all squad members play on a fair and equitable basis.

Should we not have sufficient numbers to compose the teams, children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to compete and will be rotated through the season.

At the beginning of each season parents will be provided with the fixture detailing times, and venues for each sport.

At different times throughout the year, students across the school will have the opportunity to participate in various Gala Sport days run by external sporting organisations such as Cricket Victoria and Emmanuel College. Team compositions for these events will be directed by the external organising body.

As with all excursions, signed permission slips /medical forms must be returned to school for children to participate in these activities.

The Physical Education Coordinator with the assistance of classroom teachers involved in activities are responsible for the planning, coordinating and implementation of the Interschool Sports Program. These people are also responsible for the equipment and resources needed to facilitate the sports program. This includes overseeing the budget, storage and maintenance of equipment and purchasing new equipment.

The School Sport Victoria Manual (SSV Manual) is the main resources for supporting this program. This manual outlines the rules and guidelines for each sport.

The Physical Education Coordinator and classroom teachers will take responsibility for promoting skills, knowledge and attitudes appropriate to participating in Interschool Sport.

Representative Teams

SSV enters various representative teams (Team Vic) in National Championships conducted by School Sport Australia. Each year, sports gifted and talented students have the opportunity to trial for a place in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic state team and participate in annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships. Sixty two teams are selected across twenty sports, involving over nine hundred primary and secondary school students representing 'Team Vic'.

Our school can nominate students provided they meet age requirements; have a good knowledge of the sport, rules and have a very high standard of skill. As a benchmark to skill level, competitors should be playing in a current sporting competition or be involved at club level preferably in a division 1 competition.

Please note that participation in SSV Team Vic state teams is self-funded, so students will be required to contribute to the costs of being a member of a team. Costs include host state and administration levies, uniform, flights, transport, accommodation and meals.

Students must be fully registered before attending trials and hand into the relevant SSV Team Vic Team Manager the signed form (i.e. Signed as required by the parent / guardian and the Principal of the school the student attends that is affiliated with School Sport Victoria).

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More information regarding trials and the nomination process for each sport (dates, times, venue, age eligibility, nomination closing dates, trial fees and Championship venue and dates) can be found at <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/default.aspx#eligibility>

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This was policy was last ratified in August 2014.