



Watsonia Heights Primary School

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

POLICY

Rationale :

Interschool sport provides valuable educational and social experiences for students.

Interschool sport provides:

- healthy, good natured competition
- experiences in team sport and games skills
- social sporting contact with pupils from other schools
- enjoyment and fun for all concerned
- opportunity to train and be a member of a team

Implementation :

Watsonia Heights Primary will affiliate with the Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association (VPSSA) annually to ensure that our students can access VPSSA sporting opportunities and programs.

The school will field teams in the Watsonia District School Sports Association competitions. The school will be represented at WDSSA meetings and the teacher will report back to staff.

Students, parents and teachers will be expected to abide by the VPSSA and WDSSA Code of Conduct and demonstrate exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship at all times.

Interschool sport is a self-funded program. Students who participate are required to contribute towards the cost of the program eg. bus fares, umpires/referee costs and venue hire.

All students from years 4-6 will be given the opportunity to train and improve their skill for selection in interschool team sports.(football, cricket, softball, rounders, basketball, netball, soccer and bat tennis etc). The teams will be selected from Grade 4, 5, 6 students who have demonstrated skills appropriate to a particular sport and shown commitment by attending regular practice sessions. Year 3 students will only be considered for selection where total number of year 4-6 students falls below the required number to fill teams and only then in non contact, minimum-risk sports.

All students in years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to participate in trials for interschool sports such as swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. Selection of students for these carnivals will be based on places taken in the intraschool trials for swimming and the places taken in the cross country and athletics carnivals.

Prior to the commencement of selection trials and practice for any Interschool Sport, a meeting of all the students (years 3-6) will be convened by the staff to explain the sport/s, selection procedures and requirements/ responsibilities that are expected of the participants.

A squad will be selected for each sport and these students will be considered for the teams to participate in Inter school sport matches. It is a pre-requisite that all students who are selected in Interschool squads/teams must attend practices on a regular basis. Students not selected in the squads/teams may attend practice to improve skill levels and learn the rules of major games.

Teams for interschool sport will be selected and organized by teachers.

The sports coordinator, in consultation with staff will organize the teams for athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals and intra school events such as House sports.

Opportunities will be provided for students (nominated by the school) to participate in District, Zone and State selection trials and activities.

Students nominated to participate for these trials will be notified of the dates and venues. It will be the responsibility of parents to transport their child to and from the trials. Any costs involved in the selection process is to be paid by the parents.

All school teams will receive regular and organized skills and rules instruction/practice.

The skills for major games should be taught as part of the Physical Education Program.

Evaluation :

Evaluation of the interschool sport program will be largely subjective and based on the students enjoyment and willingness to participate. Wins/losses will not be used as indicators of the success of the program.