

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY LEETON



REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS POLICY

RATIONALE Our school community believes it is important that students with exceptional talents have the opportunity to participate in sport at the highest level. In extending these students in the sporting arena we expect them to display the values, attitudes and beliefs of our school vision and mission statements.

The values and attitudes of fairness, justice, honesty, self-control and the consideration of others, are expected of all students representing St Joseph's Leeton.

Sports Coordinators who are responsible for the implementation of this policy will be directed by the following guidelines:

Individual Sport Competitions and Representation

- Teams representing St Joseph's Leeton in athletics, swimming and cross country will include students from Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- Selection will be in accordance with the Wagga Wagga Diocesan Sports Guidelines, and will be based on their performances at school-based carnivals.
- A wildcard can be granted at the discretion of the **Wagga Diocesan Sports Coordinator** if a talented student is unavailable due to circumstances where the child is representing the school/ Diocese in another sport. See Wagga Wagga Diocesan Guidelines for specific details.
- When a student is granted a wildcard, they represent themselves, not the school. The wildcard entry does not eliminate the opportunity for another student to attend the competition or trial.

School Team Sport Competitions

- **All students** in the relevant stage will be given the opportunity to represent the school for team sport eg. **Stage 3:** Jackie Murphy Netball Gala Day, Mortimer Shield (League and League Tag), Paul Kelly Cup (Australian Rules), Combined Catholic Primary Schools Basketball, etc.
Stage 2: Jackie Murphy Netball Gala Day, Trent Barrett Shield (Rugby League and League Tag) Combined Catholic Primary Schools Basketball

- If numbers allow, every attempt will be made to select a competitive team and a participation team to attend the local event. In this case, the teams will be selected at the discretion of the appointed coach(es), assisting teacher and the Sports Co-ordinator.
- In the case of success at the local competition where further representation is earned, the members of the successful team(s) will represent the school at subsequent carnivals.

Wagga Wagga Diocesan Individual Trials

WHO CAN ATTEND

These trials are mainly for Year 6 students in 2020, who show a high standard of skill and sportsmanship for the sport, however, if there is an exceptional younger student they may be considered.

Each school in the Diocese is restricted to a certain number of students for each sport so a school trial may have to be held if we have too many names.

St Joseph's Leeton can nominate up to 4 candidates per trial. (*from the CEDWW Catholic Primary Schools Trial policy*).

- The sports include, Australian Rules, Basketball (boys and girls), Cricket (boys and girls), Soccer (boys and girls), Hockey (boys and girls), Netball, Rugby Union, Rugby League (Under 11 and Open ages), Softball (boys and girls) and Touch (boys and girls).
- Students with experience in the relevant sport will be considered in the first instance.
- If the number of **exceptionally** talented students outnumbers the vacancies offered for the trial by the Wagga Diocese then extra spots **may** be requested to attend the trial. The confirmation of these extra vacancies is at the discretion of the Wagga Wagga Diocesan Sports Coordinator.
- If extra spots are not available then a school trial will be held and the participants will be selected in consultation with the School Sports Coordinator. A neutral town coach may also be contacted to provide their opinion on the students that should attend the relevant sporting trial.
- **In addition to the criteria outlined above:**
 - **We believe that Stage 3 students are of sufficient maturity level to meet our expectations and those of the Diocese in selection trials.**
 - **Stage 3 students are physically more capable of competing at a higher level of competitiveness as usually stipulated in the Parent/Student Information package for various trials which is distributed to schools.**
 - **By making selection available to Stage 3, disruption to the school is minimised.**

- **Individuals will be required to make their own way to selection trials and families will be responsible to meet costs of the levy, travel and accommodation for representative sports.**

- **The students selected will be at the school's discretion in consultation with the Principal and Diocesan Sports Coordinator**

Documentation:

Students competing in Diocesan Teams will be required to provide the school and Diocesan authorities with appropriate consent and medical needs forms.

- Students chosen must represent our school in full school sports uniform unless otherwise directed

- **Students from Stage 3 may be considered for selection in individual or team sporting events, however, selection may be jeopardised if:**

- **A student has had an in-school suspension or suspension in the 10 weeks prior to the trial**

- **A student is on an Improvement Plan**

- **School work and effort are not satisfactory**

- **Behaviour and attitude are not satisfactory, at the discretion of teaching staff, in consultation with the Principal.**

If representatives do not meet the above expectations they will be replaced by another student at the Sport Coordinator and Principal's discretion.

If the staff have any concerns in regard to a representative's behaviour, the Principal or Assistant Principal will be informed. A meeting involving those concerned will occur to discuss the possible exclusion from representative sport.

General

- During Term Four the staff may wish to consider and nominate the sports in which the school will be involved in the following year.

- This policy will be published in the school newsletter at the beginning of each year for the benefit of parents and carers.

- If a student is successful at reaching **National** level in their representative sport, St Joseph's will contribute some financial support through a fundraising activity such as a casual day.

- Staff will be informed by the Sports Coordinator of the students chosen to represent the School or Diocese.

(see *Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport And Physical Activity in Schools* by NSW Department of Education and Training

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_welfare/safe_sport/pd02_12_safe_

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