



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

INTRA/INTER SCHOOL SPORT POLICY

Rationale:

Physical Education, sport and fitness are important aspects of the culture of Iramoo Primary School and it is an expectation of the local community that these will be fostered and encouraged. Iramoo Primary School is part of the Werribee District (affiliated with School Sport Victoria) and as such, is involved in a number of interschool sporting competitions throughout the year.

Aims:

- To develop the appropriate knowledge, skills and understandings required to participate in major and minor games.
- To develop confidence and competence in the acquisition of fundamental motor skills that will enhance participation in a variety of physical activities.
- To participate in physical activities that promote participation, enjoyment, teamwork/support and sportsmanship.
- To encourage all children to participate in physical activities to the best of their ability.

Implementation:

- The skills required to participate in major and minor games are taught as part of the Physical Education program throughout the school and children from Grades P – 6 put these skills into practise in timetabled P.E. sessions.
- In interschool team sports Grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to try out for an Interschool sport team with the final selection based on ability and skills determined by the teacher in charge of the particular sport.
- Grade 5 and 6 students who are not selected for a team sport will participate in an alternative sports program organised by the teachers who are not participating in the interschool sports program.
- Students who are below Grade 5 level are only considered for interschool sports in extraordinary circumstances in consultation with the Principal or where the competition specifically requires younger children; e.g. Junior Hooptime.
- In accordance with our school's *Sun Smart* policy, in Term 1 and Term 4 interschool sports will be played during the first half of the day.
- Where activities have an age restriction, pre-selection trials are conducted for interested students; e.g. 9-year-old boys hurdles.
- Where individuals or groups represent Iramoo Primary School, children participating in interschool sports will be encouraged to do so to the highest possible standards and representatives are selected accordingly.
- During the year all children from Grades 3 - 6 participate in a cross country carnival and a house athletics day. Students are selected and given the opportunity to represent their school at a district level. Prep – Grade 2 also compete in a much shorter cross country.
- In Term 4 children from Prep to Grade 2 participate in Junior Novelty Sports activities.
- Appropriately qualified/interested staff or parents are appointed to coach teams or individuals to help prepare the children for specific events/games.
- Whenever possible children who are unable to attend a whole school or grade sporting activity need to be placed in a grade level that is either one year level above or one year level below their own grade level.
- Where 7 or more students represent Iramoo outside the school, at least one staff member must accompany the group otherwise students will need to be taken to an event by parents/guardians.

- Students' participation in school sports is considered a privilege and treated as such in the school's implementation of the Department of Education and Training '*Student Engagement Policy Guidelines*' 2016; e.g. a student may be withdrawn from interschool sports at the discretion of a teacher *in consultation with the Principal* as a disciplinary measure.
- Iramoo Primary School welcomes the opportunity for external/expertise coaching to enhance the Physical Education program; e.g. Soccer/Football clinics, Badminton, etc.
- All Iramoo students are given the opportunity to be involved in a swimming program with qualified instructors and given the opportunity to represent the school or district if selected.
- All students require a permission note signed by their parent/guardian when travelling by bus to a sporting event.
- Any student that goes to a sporting event outside of school should be considered present when marking the roll.
- A First Aid officer is present at all Iramoo and district events. For sporting events played outside of the school, teachers are required to take one first aid bag or more than one if there are teams playing in different locations.

Evaluation:

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

Ratified by Iramoo School Council: July, 2016
Review Date: July, 2019