

INTRA/INTER SCHOOL SPORT POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

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Rationale:

Physical Education, sport and fitness are important aspects of the culture at Iramoo Primary School and are fostered and encouraged. These activities have many benefits for children. They improve physical fitness, teach important life skills and help develop lifelong physical activity participation. 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. It is important that all Physical Education and sporting activities are conducted safely.

Aims:

- To develop the appropriate knowledge, skills and understandings required to participate in major and minor games.
- To enable students to confidently, competently and creatively participate in a range of physical activities.
- 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 and leadership.
- To develop an appreciation of the significance of physical activity, outdoor recreation and sport both in Australian society and globally.
- To encourage all children to participate in physical activities to the best of their ability.
- To ensure that all Physical Education and sporting activities are conducted safely and inline with our Child Safe policies and procedures.
- To ensure that all Physical Education and sporting activities are conducted safely and inline with Department of Education and Training, health and safety advice for schools to reduce the risk of infectious disease transmission within the practical environment of a school environment.

Implementation:

- The skills required to participate in major and minor games are taught as part of the Physical Education (P.E.) program throughout the school and children from Years P – 6 put these skills into practise in timetabled and structured P.E. lessons. This program is based on the Victorian Curriculum for Health and Physical Education.
- During the year, all children from Years 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 – Year 2 also compete in a much shorter cross country and modified athletics activities.

- In Term 4 children from Prep – Year 2 participate in Junior Novelty Sports activities.
- As stated in our *Swimming* policy, all students are given the opportunity to be involved in a swimming program with qualified instructors. They are also and given the opportunity to represent the school and/or district in the swimming sports if selected.
- Whenever possible, children who are unable to attend a whole school or grade sporting activity need to be placed in a year level that is either one year level above or one year level below their own year level.
- Our school welcomes the opportunity for external/expertise coaching to enhance the Physical Education program; e.g. soccer/football clinics, badminton, etc.
- In interschool team sports, Year 6 students will have the opportunity to try out for an interschool sport team with the final selection based on ability, skills, behavior and attitude, and determined by the teacher in charge of the particular sport.
- Year 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. This program aims to promote enjoyment in team-based games.
- Students who are below Year 6 level are only considered for interschool sports 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, between the months of April and August 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.
- Appropriately qualified/interested staff are appointed to coach teams or individuals to help prepare the children for specific events/games.
- Where 7 or more students represent our school outside the school, at least one staff member must accompany and supervise the group otherwise parents/carers will need to take their children to the event and supervise them while they are in attendance.
- Students' participation in school sports is considered a privilege and treated as such in the school's implementation of our Discipline Policy and '*Student Engagement Policy Guidelines*', 2022; 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.
- All students require a permission note signed by their parent/carer or via Compass when travelling by bus to a sporting event.
- Any student that goes to a sporting event outside of school will be marked present. An event will be made on Compass.
- 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.
- Parents / carers are welcome to attend sporting events to support and encourage their child/ren, and should display appropriate behaviour and sportsmanship. They can also take photographs at events but must of course be respectful of their use on social or other media, and not take or post a photo of any child without permission from the child's parent.
- The Principal and teachers must ensure that all Physical Education and sport is conducted safely including:
 - the environments that they are undertaken in, and
 - the associated equipment.

Related Policies

- Sunsmart
- Student Engagement
- Swimming
- Discipline
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations and Procedures

Evaluation:

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