

Mount Ridley Prep – Year 12 College

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT POLICY

Preamble

Mount Ridley Prep – Year 12 College is a part of the following divisions for primary and secondary competitions, which is overseen by School Sports Victoria:

- Primary – Green Gully Division – Further a part of the North Western Metropolitan Region.
- Secondary – Mickleham Division – Further a part of the North Western Metropolitan Region.

Rationale

Participating in the Inter-School Sport Program allows students to develop team skills and sportsmanship through interacting in a sporting environment with fellow students. The Inter-School Sport Program also allows students to develop interpersonal skills as competitors and spectators representing the College.

Guiding Principles

Mount Ridley P–12 College is committed to providing students with the opportunity to represent the College through the Inter-school Sport program in order to:

- Reinforce, enrich and extend relationships with fellow students, teachers and parents.
- Further develop their knowledge and understanding of organised sport.

Implementation

Specific Details of the Primary Inter-School Sport Program:

- Students in Years 3 – 6 are given the opportunity to try out for the College teams in cross country and athletics. These teams are made up from results of the Early Years athletics day and the previous year's fun run.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to try out for the Craigieburn district swimming team in a trial that is held outside school hours.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to compete in Summer and Winter sport organised by the Green Gully Division which is held during Term 1 and 2.

Specific details of the Secondary Inter-School Sport Program:

- Students in Years 7 to 12 are given the opportunity to try out for the College teams in swimming, cross country and athletics. These teams are made up from results of College Carnivals and/or College Trials.
- During Terms 1 – 3, there is a sport day for Years 7/8, (Junior), Years 9/10 (Intermediate) and Years 11/12 (Senior) within the Mickleham Division. Competition is organised for Summer and Winter sports and participating schools are given the shared responsibility of convening and organising the draws and co-ordination required for competition for these days. The winning team of the sports played on these days advances to the Northern

Metropolitan Region (NMR) finals, which are played at various dates later in the year. The winner of NMR events advance to state finals.

The following is applicable for the running of both the Primary and Secondary Inter-School Sport Programs:

- There are also opportunities throughout the year for students to be involved in Gala Day style competitions for sports such as Kanga Cricket, Basketball, AFL Football and Touch Rugby.
- All teams / squads are selected according to their level of enthusiasm, attitude, adherence to college values and their level of skill development. Staff will be allocated and parental support sought for the supervision and coaching of school teams that participate in competition.
- The College will provide sports uniforms where the regular school sports outfit is not suitable. i.e. football, soccer, basketball, netball and rugby.
- Transport, entry fees and coverage of any necessary CRT costs are charged to participating students for the district events. Where possible, classes staying at school are collapsed to save on CRT expenses. Outside hire is necessary for transport due to the College not having a bus at this time.
- Teams that make Woodlands (Primary), NMR (Secondary) and State finals have the associated costs covered by the College.
- Parents are encouraged to promote and support their children's participation in all events. They may also be required to transport students who compete at higher levels (e.g. regionals and state).
- If available, parents and/or members of the community may be encouraged to assist with coaching sporting teams due to their expertise. Before commencement, parents and/or community members will need to provide documentation of valid Working with Children check.

Evaluation

As part of the College review cycle this policy will be reviewed every three years.

Date policy ratified: 18/05/2021

Date of next review: 2024