



SPORT PARTICIPATION POLICY

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OVERVIEW:

Horsham College participates in sport as part of the School Sports Victoria associations. Students from Horsham College have the opportunity to compete at school, local, regional, state and national levels. Only students who are enrolled at Horsham College can participate as part of Horsham College teams.

Students who participate in the Horsham College sporting program are expected to represent the College in a positive light by demonstrating the Horsham College values of Care, Commitment, Collaboration and Character. Students may have the opportunity to coach, volunteer, mentor and be leaders, especially for the younger players. Any student, regardless of sporting ability is welcome to participate in the program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Horsham College Sport Program is aimed at ensuring the provision of opportunity to all students to develop and enrich their lives through participation in sport and physical activity. The school aims to provide an environment where a student may follow a pathway to sports participation and, if so motivated, to representative level opportunities.

The objectives of the Horsham College Sport Program are to:

1. encourage lifelong participation in sport for all students
2. provide a supportive environment for enjoyable participation in a wide variety of physical activities
3. provide the safest possible environment for the conduct of sport at Horsham College
4. provide for the allocation of appropriate resources and facilities
5. provide opportunities for students to participate in representative sport.

PROGRAM RATIONALE:

Horsham College encourages students to choose to participate in sport for the following reasons:

- To encourage the enjoyment of physical activity and the acquisition of motor skills.
- To develop a sense of personal achievement.
- To provide an opportunity to experience competition and show leadership.
- To provide for the development of personal identity through participation in sport.
- To encourage social interaction in team environments.
- To provide balance in the curriculum.

- To introduce leisure and recreational activities.
- To develop physical fitness and promote healthy lifestyle habits.
- To provide students with opportunities to participate in highly competitive situations.
- To inspire student loyalty to their House Group and school through participation and competition in whole school events such as swimming and athletics carnivals.

Travel and Transport:

- Horsham College will aim to provide transportation to and from sporting events for Tier One sports. Students will be required to pay to cover the costs of such transportation.
- Horsham College will aim to transport students to all events where practical in line with the running of the school. At times where there are a small number of students and the cost of attending is not viable, parents will be **invited** to take their students to ensure participation.
- Students who have a licence are not permitted to drive to sporting events.
- Parents/guardians can transport their own children to sporting events and may take other students providing there is clear communication of approval from parents or guardians. Such arrangements must be communicated to the College. Horsham College is a Child Safe School and **require** that parents/guardians who are transporting any children other than their own, must have a Working With Children Check (WWCC).

Training:

- Students may be required to attend set training sessions if nominating to represent Horsham College in a chosen sport.
- Training will generally be provided during school hours for up to a maximum of six sessions. If a team progresses to further levels, then extra training sessions may be required after school hours. Times and number of extra training sessions required by the College will be overseen by the College Principal.

Sports Offered at Horsham College:

Horsham College will offer the following sports to students, although sports are not limited to those listed below. Offerings may not be possible in some instances due to lack of student interest or competing school calendar activities and priorities. Overall determination of school participation in a sporting event will be made by the Principal.

Horsham College offers an [AFL Academy Personal Leadership Program](#), Basketball Academy Program, and a [Peak Performance Program](#) for students who meet criteria. There are separate policies for these, available on the College website homepage.

<p>Tier One</p> <p>Team sports, generally with a high level of student participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Netball ▪ Volleyball (see Appendix A*) ▪ Football ▪ Cricket ▪ Soccer ▪ Hockey ▪ Basketball ▪ Badminton ▪ Tennis
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<p>Tier Two</p> <p>Individual sports with lower numbers of participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Athletics ▪ Swimming ▪ Cross country
<p>Tier Three</p> <p>Usually individual sports that require specialist coaching and equipment. Participation can be more expensive. Participation in these sports require Principal approval..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equestrian events ▪ Triathlon ▪ Clay Target ▪ Golf <p>*Other sports as approved by the Principal</p>

Participation:

- a. House Competitions - Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country (Years 7 to 9)
 - All students are expected to attend and participate in House Sports.
 - Students will be able to nominate to participate in swimming, athletics and cross country via Google forms that will be sent out to students in the lead up to the event dates or nominate directly with Sports Coordinators. Students can sign up to events through their House Captains at the House Sports meetings.
 - If selected in House teams it is expected the students will attend and participate unless there is a valid personal or medical reason. This reason must be documented in writing and contact must be made with the Sports Coordinator.
- b. Interschool Sport
 - If selected in Interschool teams it is expected that the students will attend and participate unless there is a valid personal or medical reason. This reason must be documented and in writing and contact must be made with the Sports Coordinator.
- c. Bans from Sport
 - Students can be banned from participating in school sports for poor behaviour in the classroom and/or the College yard.
 - Any student with a Level 3 Behaviour recorded will not be able to participate without Principal approval.
 - Students can be banned from participating in school sports for poor attendance below 80%.
 - Students with poor behaviour can be removed from sport due to not upholding the school values. This will be worked through via YLC, and sub school leadership in conjunction with the Principal.
- d. Limits on Student Participation (School Sport Victoria – General Conditions of Competition)

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/general-conditions-of-competition.pdf>

Students will be able to participate in the following number of team sports:

- *Year 7, Year 8 and Intermediate*
Two sports per term.

- *Senior*
Students are permitted to compete in a maximum of two sports in Summer Team Championships and two sports in Winter Team Championships.
- A student may compete in any number of Individual Sports.

e. Academic Expectations:

- Students participating in sport who miss timetabled classes are expected to complete any missed work in their own time. Students can communicate with their teachers to complete any work requirements.
- Any student with an academic concern may not be able to participate in interschool sports. Year Level Coordinators are to liaise with the Sports Coordinator.

Uniform:

- College approved uniform.

Coaching:

- Coaching will be provided by Horsham College teaching staff and/or coaches approved and overseen by Horsham College staff. All parents or support people must have a Working With Children Check (WWCC). Any persons working with students who are not Horsham College teaching staff must be approved by School Council.

Team Selection Criteria:

- Team selections are made by the appointed coach or coaches based on attendance at training, effort, behaviour and ability to embrace the College values.

Player Behaviour:

All students selected to represent the College are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the College policies and values:

- Team members are to behave appropriately at all times and follow all directions from their team coach.
- Team members are to provide encouragement and support to other team members irrespective of the level of skill.
- Students are required to show respect for their opponents and acknowledge the efforts of opposition players and match officials.
- Students must be punctual for all team training and matches.
- Any student behaviour that is a Level 3 Behaviour, may be asked to leave the venue requiring parents/guardian to transport the student home.
- The Sports Coordinator will communicate team selections to Year Level Coordinators prior to competitions.
- Any student with ongoing behavioural issues will not be able to compete.

Parent/Guardian Behaviour:

- Inappropriate behaviour by parents or guardians may be reported to the College Principal. Repeated inappropriate behaviour will also be reported to the College Principal who may consider further action.

Awards for Excellence in Sport:

<i>Sponsor:</i>	Horsham College
<i>Year Level:</i>	Students from Year 7 to 12 (2 per year level)
<i>Criteria:</i>	Students who have competed and earned the right to represent the College at State or National Championships or students who have achieved a high level of performance across multiple school sports. Two students from each year level. No citation.
<i>Selection Procedure:</i>	Sports Coordinator/s to allocate awards
<i>Award:</i>	Pennant and Certificate

Governing Decisions:

- Final decisions regarding this program are made by the Horsham College Principal.

COMMUNICATION:

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school website.

REVIEW CYCLE:

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule.

APPENDIX A - Volleyball National Schools Cup:

- To attend Volleyball National Schools Cup, students must participate in the SSV/Black Ranges competition for Horsham College.
- Students are expected to attend 85% of set training as required by their specific coach.
- Training will be provided during school hours for up to a maximum of six sessions. Times and number of extra training sessions required by the College will be overseen by the College Principal.