

# Murrayville Community College Interschool Sport Policy

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## Rationale

At Murrayville Community College we believe that participation in house and interschool sport is important and is closely linked to the School's PRIDE values of Persistence, Respect, Independence, Determination and Excellence. We value the participation of all students at house level and each competitor is encouraged to enter as many events as they are capable of to gain points for their house. We value the other schools in our relevant Sports Associations and aim to provide a good level of friendly competition to these schools, during interschool events. We value the other schools in our MMM alliance and aim to fulfil our requirements to help field a competitive team. Over recent years MCC has rationalised the number of sporting events to minimise disruptions to the academic program. MMM swimming, Lightning Premierships, Summer Games, Winter Games, Interschool Tennis and 9-a-side football have all been removed from the calendar. Currently there are only three opportunities each year for students in Years 3-12 to compete as a school team and that is in interschool swimming, cross country and athletics.

## Aim

That students at Murrayville Community College gain positive experiences from their participation in House and Interschool Sport. That expectations and opportunities to participate in house and interschool sport are consistent, regardless of the sport staff and Principal at the time.

## Implementation

### House Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics

These events are held at school during school hours and all students are expected to attend and participate to their capability. Injured students are still expected to attend to support their house and may be given duties to assist with the smooth running of the day. No special travel arrangements will be required on these days.

### 3-6 UDSSA Swimming

Students in Years 3-6 are able to qualify to compete at the Underbool and Districts School Sports Association (UDSSA) Swimming Sports held in Ouyen. Students compete as either 9/10 year, 11 year or 12/13 year age groups. Students who are capable are expected to participate and are selected based on their performance at House Swimming. The 9/10 year age group will be filled by the best performers from Years 3, 4 & 5. The school provides transport to those students who require it. Some parental transport will be required for all qualifiers to participate. Students who do not qualify will remain at school. Transport to Ouyen with the school will be at a cost of \$10.

### 11 year 12/13 year Sunraysia South Swimming

Students in these age groups who win at UDSSA will qualify to compete at Sunraysia South Swimming, held in Mildura, giving them the opportunity to qualify for Regional Swimming (Swan Hill) and State Finals. MCC will only enter students in this carnival who have a qualifying time for their age group that is at a regional standard, or the student has engaged in a sustained training program. If multiple students are entered the school may provide some transport and an MCC staff member may attend. If a single student is entered parental transport will be required.

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## 7-12 Mallee Division Swimming

Students in Years 7-12 are able to qualify to compete for MMM (Murrayville, Manangatang & Werrimull) team at Mallee Division Swimming in Mildura. Winning at House level does not guarantee selection. Selection is based on performance as compared with students from the other schools. Students who are selected in at least 2 events are expected to represent the school and compete at this carnival. Students qualifying in one event only are encouraged to stay at school, unless their performance at the single event is outstanding, or the student has engaged in a sustained training program. Transport to Mildura with the school will be at a cost of \$20.

## Regional Swimming

Students from Years 5-12 are eligible to qualify to compete at Regional Swimming in Swan Hill if they win an event at either Sunraysia South Swimming or Mallee Division Swimming. Students in the 9/10 year age group (Years 3/4/5) may qualify from their performance at UDSSA. Primary and secondary competitions are on the same day Secondary 10am Primary 2pm. MCC will only enter students in these carnivals who have a qualifying time for their age group that is at a regional standard, or the student has engaged in a sustained training program. If multiple students are entered the school may provide some transport and an MCC staff member may attend. If a single student is entered parental transport will be required. Transport to Swan Hill with the school will be at a cost of \$20.

## 3-6 Sunraysia South Cross Country

Students will be selected for Sunraysia South Cross Country (SSCC) based on their performance times at House Cross Country. Students compete as either 9/10 year, 11 year or 12/13 year age groups. The 9/10 year age group will be filled by the best performers from Years 3/4/5. Students who finish in the top ten at SSCC will qualify for Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud. If multiple students are entered the school will provide some transport and an MCC staff member will attend. If a single student is entered parental transport will be required. Transport to Mildura with the school will be at a cost of \$20.

## 7-12 Mallee Division Cross Country

Students will be selected for Mallee Division Cross Country at Ouyen based on their performance times at House Cross Country. Students will need to meet a qualifying time to gain selection. Selected students are expected to attend. Students who finish in the top five at Mallee Division will qualify for Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud. The school will provide some transport and an MCC staff member will attend. Transport to Ouyen with the school will be at a cost of \$10.

## 3-12 Regional Cross Country

Students in Years 3-12 who qualify for Regional Cross Country by finishing highly at Sunraysia South or Mallee division and have met the school's pre-determined qualifying time, will be eligible to attend and compete. Primary and secondary students compete on the same date. If students are entered the school will provide some transport and an MCC staff member may attend. If a single student is entered parental transport will be required. Transport to St Arnaud with the school will be at a cost of \$25.

## P-6 UDSSA Athletics

All students from Prep to Year 6 are expected to attend this event in Ouyen, and represent the college as part of their regular school program. Points awarded for each individual's performance counts towards the school total. Schools compete under a handicap system. The school provides transport to those students who require it, however for this event to be successful, substantial family transport and input is required. Transport to Ouyen with the school will be at a cost of \$10.

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## 11 year & 12/13 year Sunraysia South Athletics

Students in these age groups who qualify to compete at Sunraysia South Athletics (SSA) will have the opportunity to qualify for Regional Athletics (Bendigo). MCC will only enter students in this SSA carnival who have a qualifying performance that is at regional standard, or the student has engaged in a sustained training program. If multiple students are entered the school may provide some transport and an MCC staff member may attend. If a single student is entered parental transport will be required. Transport to Mildura with the school will be at a cost of \$20.

## 7-12 Mallee Division Athletics

Students in Years 7-12 are able to qualify to compete for MMM (Murrayville, Manangatang & Werrimull) team at Mallee Division Athletics in Ouyen. Winning at House level does not guarantee selection. Selection is based on performance as compared with students from the other schools. Students who are selected in at least 2 events are expected to represent the school and compete at this carnival. Students qualifying in one event only are encouraged to stay at school, unless their performance at the single event is outstanding, or the student has engaged in a sustained training program. Transport to Ouyen with the school will be at a cost of \$10.

## Regional Athletics

Students from Years 5-12 are eligible to qualify to compete at Regional Athletics in Bendigo if they win an event at either Sunraysia South Athletics or Mallee Division Athletics. Primary and secondary competitions are on separate dates. MCC will only enter students in these carnivals who have a qualifying time for their age group that is at a regional standard, or the student has engaged in a sustained training program. If multiple students are entered the school may provide some transport and an MCC staff member may attend. If the team travels down the night before accommodation costs will be the responsibility of families. If a single student is entered parental transport will be required. Transport to Bendigo with the school will be at a cost of \$25.

## State Finals

If a student wins an event at Regional Swimming or Athletics or is a top finisher at Regional Cross Country they will qualify for the State Final in Melbourne. MCC recognises that this is an exceptional achievement and will provide the school car for the families to transport their child to this event, accommodation costs will be the responsibility of the families. An MCC staff member will not automatically attend. Staff attendance will be at the Principal's discretion.

## Students remaining at school on UDSSA & Mallee Division Days

Students in Years 3-10 who remain at school on UDSSA & Mallee Division competition days due to non-selection or injury, will engage in fun, consolidation or revision activities. No new learning will be introduced. No time will be given to project or assessment task work. No student will be disadvantaged academically by attending and competing at UDSSA or Mallee Division level.

## Senior Students

Senior students (Years 11 & 12) are the role models for our school and are looked up to by our junior students. We understand that the most successful students are those that have a balance between study and exercise. MCC expects our senior students to participate at House level for swimming, athletics and cross country. If they are injured, we expect them to attend to support their house and assist on the day. MCC expects senior students to compete at Mallee Division level in all three areas if their performance at House level qualifies them for at least 2 events (swimming & athletics) in the MMM team, unless there are extenuating circumstances (at the Principal's discretion). These students would be expected to catch up work missed. Students who qualify for Regional events are not expected to attend, this will be the choice of the students and their families.

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## Communications

All students will receive a letter from the sports staff outlining what events they have qualified in for interschool sports. The expectations of the school will be clearly communicated as will travel arrangements and costs.

## Transport costs

The cost for Murrayville Community College students to attend and participate in interschool sport is shared between the school and the families.

## Age groups

The age group in which students will compete is determined by the age they will turn on their birthday in that calendar year. For example if a student born in 2000 is turning 17 on the 27/5/2017, they will compete in the 17 year old age group.

## **Evaluation**

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