



St Joseph's School
Port Lincoln

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Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular Events Policy

Policy Statement

St Joseph's School acknowledges that valuable learning takes place both in and outside the classroom environment and extra-curricular events offer unique learning experiences for students.

Rationale

St Joseph's School:

- Believes excursions, camps and retreats are an excellent way to deepen students' understanding of concepts learnt in the classroom.
- Believes that out-of-school experiences provide growth for student social and emotional development.
- Believes it is important to provide opportunities for students to be involved in experiences that might otherwise be unavailable to them
- Believes it is important that activities engage and expand students' knowledge and understandings and directly relate to their learning
- Commits to the provision of extra-curricular events that are affordable and accessible

Values

St Joseph's School values:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Rich and purposeful learning

Responsibilities

St Joseph's School Leadership will:

- Seek to provide age-appropriate, varied and inclusive co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for students
- Ensure that all WHS policies and procedures are adhered to in the provision of co-curricular and extra-curricular events
- Ensure appropriate accident insurance is in place for all students.

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Date of next review: June 2021

Related Policies: Extra-Curricular Events Expectations; CESA Excursions, Camps, Adventure, Physical & Sporting Activities

St Joseph's School staff will:

- Develop and maintain files of extra-curricular events linked to Key learning Areas, Pastoral Care Programs and sporting fixtures
- Thoroughly plan activities, taking into account the needs of all students
- Conduct risk assessments of all activities before approval is given and adhere diligently to all WHS guidelines and policies
- Follow procedures to submit online activity request form to the Deputy Principal 2 weeks prior to the date for approval. Overseas/ interstate excursions must have approval of the Director and approval requests must be submitted to the School Board.
- Notify colleagues and parents of all extra-curricular activities in good time

St Joseph's School students will:

- Participate positively in all activities and learning experiences provided as part of the curriculum
- Represent the school in exemplary fashion in all inter-school events
- Understand the expectations affecting students' participation (related document)

Parents of students at St Joseph's School will:

- Support all aspects of the teaching and learning program for their child
- Promptly return written consent for their child's participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- Have a current Police Check if attending activities in a voluntary capacity
- Understand and support the expectations affecting students' participation (related document)

St Joseph's School Board will:

- Monitor and review the Policy in accordance with CESA guidelines and best practice teaching.
- Consider overseas/ interstate excursions for approval.

Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular Events Expectations

Students are representing St Joseph's School when participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular events. Therefore, they agree to abide by the following expectations:

- Students wear uniform for the event.
- Students' behaviour dependent reflects our school values.
- Students are up to date with tasks and assignments. If they are falling behind in a subject or have overdue assignments, class work is a priority.
- Students with previous or current involvement in an activity have priority over students with no involvement.
- Students with no previous involvement in an activity can be included as 'reserves'.

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Staff have a duty of care for all students involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular events. Therefore they will:

- Check the list of students attending any event with PC Co-Leaders beforehand, to cross-reference with SEQTA.
- Be assisted by Middle and Senior School PC Co-Leaders to check students for academic/behaviour/uniform issues.
- Have a duty of care back at school for the whole school day eg. Teachers who attend events have a duty of care to continue supervising students at school if they arrive back earlier than the predicted time.

Parents' signed consent will indicate their understanding that, by signing this agreement, if the above expectations are not met, their child will not be able to represent St Joseph's School through participation in the particular co-curricular and extra-curricular event.

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