



EXTRA CURRICULAR POLICY

CONTEXT

In accord with the Vision Statement of the school, Sacred Heart College aims to holistically develop and educate young men and women. More than singularly educate the mind and the intellect, Sacred Heart aims to nurture the creative, physical and social abilities and talents of the students to enable them to reach their full potential which by implication, will contribute to the strength and vitality of the community.

Student participation in the sporting, cultural and artistic life of the school is congruent with the philosophy and principles of Sacred Heart College. In the area of sport, Sacred Heart is a member of the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) and the SA Catholic Secondary School Girls Sports Association (SACSSGSA) and subscribes to the high standards of competition and code of sportsmanship consistent with membership.

DEFINITION

An extra curricular activity is that which is defined as:

An educationally enriching activity sponsored by the school that requires the student to spend time outside of normal school hours, representing the school and/or contributing to the School Community.

Examples of such activities may be:

- School sport
- Active membership of the REMAR, Social Justice Group and/or community service
- Drama productions, Bands, Ensembles/Choir, Debating, Public Speaking
- Assistance in the school's program, including umpiring, managing, scoring etc.

PRINCIPLES

The active promotion and development of the extra curricular program Sacred Heart College is based upon certain principles.

These include:

- That the opportunity to participate in a range of programs will be consistent with students' interests and abilities
- That opportunities for students' development will be presented to the best of the school's capacity
- That the school community will be strengthened through the contribution of students to the wider educational program
- That meaningful student/teacher relationships will be established and developed through programs that occur outside of the classroom
- That codes of good conduct, sportsmanship and high achievement are consistent with each activity delivered through the extra curricular program
- That quality facilities will enable students to participate meaningfully in their chosen pursuits
- That all students will participate to the best of their ability in the extra curricular life of the school
- That Sacred Heart, through the terms of enrolment, be given priority when a student is selected to be involved in particular cultural and sporting pursuits, over and above those selected to external sporting and cultural affiliations

- That at all times, participation in the extra curricular program is congruent with the espoused values of the school and consistent with the principles of education
- That parents and staff contribute in a positive way to assist the students in their wider development and growth

PROCEDURES

- The school encourages students to participate in activities for which they show an interest and proficiency.
- Students are expected to participate in those activities which they nominate and required to attend the necessary training/practice sessions.
- Appropriate uniforms and/or presentation is required at all times.
- Students are expected to represent Sacred Heart in sports and activities for which they show proficiency and particularly in instances where they are involved in sporting/cultural pursuits in bodies external to the school.
- Students who nominate to participate in a particular activity are required to undertake complete involvement throughout the program. In the case of sport, students who nominate to play in a summer season activity are expected to participate in Terms 1 and 4, while those who nominate for winter sport are expected to fulfil obligations throughout Terms 2 and 3.
- Students are not able to change from one activity to another without the permission of the coaches, the Sports Administrator, or the staff member co-ordinating that activity.
- If a student is chosen to represent the school and cannot attend the event due to a legitimate reason, advance notice is required from the parent so that a replacement can be arranged in advance.
- Breaches of this policy will involve disciplinary sanctions, as determined by the Sports Administrator, staff member responsible for the activity and / or the Principal.

SACRED HEART, SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF ADELAIDE SCHOOLS (SAAS) AND SA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SACSSGSA) EXPECTATIONS

The SAAS AND SACSSGSA uphold strict codes of conduct for all who participate in the competition.

Expectations include:

1. Deliberate violence should never be used towards opponents
2. Verbal provocation of any sort is unacceptable.
3. Players should not react with violence to any physical or verbal provocation.
4. Use of bad language, whether directed at an umpire/referee, another player or oneself, is unacceptable.
5. Players are not to argue with an umpire/referee or contest his/her decision. Any negative response towards an umpire's ruling is unacceptable.
6. Immodest behaviour in victory or success, and manifestation of self-disgust at an error or failure are poor sportsmanship.
7. Unfair or illegal tactics to gain an advantage should never be used.

Players are encouraged to play in a positive and sports person like manner and to extend all courtesies to the opposing team.

In addition, parents and staff will support the ideals of SAAS and SACSSGSA competition and contribute in a positive and constructive way to the principles which underpin the program.

If students contravene with SAAS or school policies, an appropriate penalty will be incurred which is in accordance with the event. In extreme cases, this may have a direct bearing on the student's enrolment. Parents will be notified of all such matters.

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