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## **RATIONALE**

At St. Francis of the Fields Primary school, Students are given the opportunity to be selected to represent the school in a variety of sports. These include: Swimming, Tennis, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Golf, Football, Netball, Cricket and Athletics. These sports may have a school based competition, followed by Catholic Sports, Divisional, Regional and State representative level competitions, as programmed by School Sport Victoria (SSV).

## **POLICY**

Students who are currently playing a sport at a club level will have priority to apply to be chosen at a representative level, as they have shown a commitment to that sport. A selection process will be conducted if there are more children applying than the number of positions permitted to compete at competition level. This will be set by the SSV guidelines or decided by team coaches.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

To be suitable for the selection process, students must have followed the school's expectations both in the classroom and yard, before being considered for selection. This is also important once in the team.

If there are a number of students who would like to compete in an event and not enough places for these students, then there will be a trial process to select a team. There will be a minimum of 2 trials. Before the commencement of trials for each given team sport, children will be asked to indicate if they are currently playing, played in the past or never played before, but are interested in playing.

### **The selection process will follow these steps:**

1. Priority will go to the students who are in Year 6 and are currently playing or have played that sport at a club level in the past 12 months (or intend to in the remaining season for that year, and have shown a commitment to the sport in the past).
2. Priority will then go to the students who are in Year 6 who have shown past commitment to that sport i.e. have played in that sport at a club level in previous years.
3. Priority will then go to any students from Year 6 who have an interest in playing, but have never played at a club level.
4. Priority will then go to students in Year 5 who are currently playing that sport at a club level that year.
5. Priority will then go to students who have played that sport in Year 5 at a club level in previous years.
6. A selection process involving one or more adults, will take place at school. A discussion between the selection panel members will take place and the students will be informed of who has successfully made it into the team/s.
7. At the end of the selection process, the team/s will be selected based on the ability and skill of the students that is demonstrated during the selection process. The teams will be graded according to ability. All students involved in the selection process will be informed of the decisions made.

## **Absences:**

**Team sports-** Absence from all selection trials at school, will mean a student is ineligible to be selected as part of a team. An exception can be made for illness, whereby that student will be invited to come to a training session prior to the competition day, depending on how they perform, they may or may not be offered a position on the team. After the team has been finalised, should someone in the team be absent at a subsequent

competition, all original team members will remain eligible for representation thereafter. If an emergency is used throughout the process, they will then be included in the team for any further competitions. Note, there is no guarantee of even court or field time during these competitions.

**Individual events-** You must compete at the school championship to be eligible to move through to the next level of competition. The only exception would be an absence due to representing the school or region at a higher level of sport.

**Relays (swimming & athletics)-** An emergency will be named. If an original team member is absent for a competition, the emergency will be used. The original team member will return to their position in the team and the emergency will then remain on standby should the team make it through to any further competitions.

### **SSV State Teams:**

Students representing St Francis at a SSV National event, will be offered financial support from the school.

This will be offered in two forms:

1. A donation from the school.
2. A unit fundraiser, this involves all students in the unit being invited to engage in an afternoon of activities for a gold coin donation.
3. This will only be offered once, per child each year.

### **ENDORSEMENT**

This policy was amended by the School's Physical Education Coordinator and Principal on December 4 2023.

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