



POLICY: SPORT

RATIONALE:

Sport is an important part of the culture at Spotswood College. It allows the College to offer a holistic approach to education and gives students the opportunity to participate and excel beyond the classroom.

PURPOSE:

To offer a wide range of sports and sporting activities to all students at Spotswood College.

VISION STATEMENT:

Sport at Spotswood College will empower students to develop leadership, time management skills, self reliance and allow them to make good decisions both on and off the playing field, while maintaining a constantly positive contribution to all areas of College life.

GUIDELINES:

Spotswood College will encourage all students to participate in a variety of sporting activities at all levels by:-

- * making every effort to ensure an equity of access for students to take part regardless of ethnicity or ability in a range of sports for students to participate, enjoy and achieve at the level appropriate to their development, skill and potential
- * providing a wide range of co-curricular sporting activities, the range determined by the availability of skills and interests of coaches and managers from the staff and local community
- * encouraging participation in sports in the wider community if they are not available through the College
- * maximising the resources available in the school and the wider community, in order to increase participation at all levels and provide transition into community clubs for school leavers
- * providing inter-school competition for elite senior teams and junior teams where possible
- * providing opportunities for students to perform in the national sporting arena in particular at NZSSSC events, and the regional level at TSSSA events
- * recognizing the achievements of students involved in all sporting activities both school and community based (through daily notices, assemblies, newsletters, etc)

- * acknowledging excellence in sporting performance through the Blues system, the annual Sports Awards event, and the College honours boards system
- * adopting the “Fair Play Charter” and promoting this code to all sporting activities
- * providing the appropriate equipment and facilities and allocating funds in the annual budget
- * providing the opportunity for professional development of coaches and managers to increase performance of coaches, managers and participants
- * ensure that the appropriate physical education courses are offered as options in the senior school curriculum
- * continue membership of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Sports Association (TSSSA) and thus contribute to the cost of employing a Regional Sports Director(RSD)
- * appointing an HOD/Director of Sport for the College
- * employing sufficient Sport support staff to carry out the daily administrative duties of the Sports office
- * supporting the functioning of the Spotswood College Sports Council
- * providing the best possible facilities and resources for the safe and effective delivery of a sports programme
- * providing sufficient Grounds staff to maintain the various sport and recreational areas of the College in a usable and safe condition (e.g: Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Netball/Tennis courts, the Beach Arena, and all grassed areas)

Approval:

When the Board approved this Policy it agreed that no variations of this Policy or amendments to it could be made, except with the majority approval of the Board.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 March, 2012

Signed on behalf of, and with the authority of the Board

_____ on _____ (Date)
Board Chairperson

Due for Review: March 2015

Reviewed Date: _____ Signed for B.O.T. _____