

Murtoa College

SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS POLICY



Rationale

Regular and consistent participation in a sequential program of instruction activity is essential to foster excellence and growth in our students. Sports and other excursions are a central aspect of school life, yet one which must be kept in balance with a vibrant classroom teaching and learning program.

Aims

1. To ensure students balance excellence in their sporting and academic endeavours, they will have the opportunity to choose from available sports at the start of the school year. This has the intention of encouraging all students to participate in sports excursions, as well as ensuring students select sports they have an interest in or can achieve at.

Sporting events available at each year level are as follows:

Year 7 - 9	3 events only
Year 10 - 11	2 events only
Year 12	1 event only

- Swimming, Athletic and Cross Country carnivals are considered extra events. All students can enter these as extra events. These sporting excursions will be scheduled, where possible, for Wednesdays to minimize disruption to the school program.
 - Students winning at the first level and proceeding to the next round in a competition will not be counted as one of the event days. This is considered as positive feedback and as such this is included in the original total of days. Students will not be penalised for being successful as part of a team or winning an individual event.
2. Students who are not up to date with class work will not be able to attend external sporting events until all required work has been submitted at an acceptable standard. Primarily, this is the student's responsibility, though every effort will be made to inform parents prior to their child being removed from an excursion.
 3. Inclusion in sports teams or individual events leaving the school is dependent on an acceptable level of participation in school PE classes and the school's Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals.
 4. Class excursions will be included and offered in such a way as to minimise the impact on students other classes.
 5. It is a requirement that all students who participate in any form of excursion will complete all classroom work that they have missed. Failure to do so will result in barring from further participation in out of school excursions.

Evaluation

This policy was ratified by School Council in

June 2017

CHALLENGES FOR BLACK RANGES COMPETITION

Procedure

If a student believes they can beat the height, distance or time another student has achieved at a House carnival to be eligible for Black Ranges Competition then they are able to challenge the first placegetter.

Sports coordinator will inform the student who won the event and arrange a time with the sport Coordinator (usually one week from the school event) to re-do that event.

The student being challenged also has the opportunity to re-do the event (this is optional).

If the result by the 'challenger' is better than the first place student, then they are selected for the event to compete at the Greater Western level.

Pre-recorder challenges for Sports Carnivals

If a student is away on a school sanctioned activity and misses a school based carnival, they are permitted to pre-record a result at school during standards or trials in order to challenge the winner of the event from the carnival to qualify for the Black Ranges competition.

On the day of the school carnival, the outright winner of the event that day will be awarded first and subsequent place getters second and third, each receiving their ribbons. The student, who pre-qualified for the event, if they better the result, will automatically be selected to represent Murtoa College at the Black Ranges Competition.

The normal 'challenge process' will still apply for students who feel they underperformed on the day of the carnival and could improve their scores in a re-match, however they may use their standard score to apply for the challenge.

In the instance of the school sanctioned activity being of longer than one week eg. Overseas school exchange, students may pre-qualify for a maximum of 3 events. All other circumstances whereby a student is unable to compete due to clash in school activities, they may only pre-qualify for one event at the Black Ranges competition.