



2011 WNPS Inter-School Sports Policy

PURPOSE

- To provide Year 5 and 6 students the opportunity to represent the school in a team for a major game.

Interschool sport games will be played according to the rules of competition as per School Sports Victoria (SSV) 2011 Association guidelines and Watsonia District School Sport Association guidelines.

With respect to our enrolment numbers, the aim is to cater for the majority of students at our school to be a member of at least one interschool sporting team by the completion of Primary School at Watsonia North.

The individual student's personal safety, level of skill development, and ability to work as part of a team, will determine the types of activity provided for their participation. Year six students, who have not represented the school by term 2 and wish to be a member of a team, will have priority for winter sport selection.

Participation in interschool sport is a privilege and is subject to student's behaviour meeting school expectations.

All squad members will be involved in home matches and selected squad members will be chosen to play away games due to bus numbers restrictions.

SPORTS FOR SUMMER SEASON

Cricket	Boys/Open
Rounders	Girls
Basketball	Girls
Basketball	Boys
Bat Tennis	Girls
Bat Tennis	Boys

SPORTS FOR WINTER SEASON

Football	Boys/Open
Soccer	Boys/Open
Netball A	Girls
Netball B	Girls/Open
Softball	Girls

All spectators (students, parents etc) must abide by the School Sport Victoria Codes of Behaviour (<http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/>). All SSV is played following the School Sport Victoria, Sports Rules Primary Competition and Watsonia District Interschool sports policy.

Prior to the summer and winter seasons several sessions of Sports Team Trials will be conducted. All year 5 and 6 students are able to try out for a sport team squad of their choice. Once squads have been selected for the season, children are not permitted to change to another sport.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in Watsonia District School Sport Association (WDSSA) Interschool summer and winter sport team round robin matches. During Watsonia District Summer and Winter Sport Fixtures selected year 5 and 6 students will be involved in Inter school sport. Those children who are not selected in teams will be involved in activities aimed at developing Fundamental Motor Skills.

Social games against other schools in the WDSSA may be arranged from time to time. This will provide opportunities for as many students as practicable to participate in major game matches in a less competitive environment.

Please note: District, Division, Regional and State finals are played following the School Sport Victoria, Sports Rules Primary Competition, squad numbers may need to be reduced to be played within SSV guidelines.

Watsonia North Primary School enters several Competitions yearly outside the District/SSV competition, (e.g. McDonalds Hooptime Basketball Years 3-6, Cottee's 5 a side Soccer Year 3 / 4 and Rugby League 5/ 6 Gala days) Other sporting opportunities for students at Watsonia North Primary School are District Swimming term 1, District Cross Country term 2 and District Athletics term 3.

Individual students who demonstrate highly developed skills in Australian Football, Soccer, Basketball and Netball, will be invited by the school to participate in District level selection trials. All other sports, parents will be responsible for registering their child and downloading all details relating to trial dates, times, venues and costs. Only students who have had extensive experience and considered gifted in their particular sport should be nominated via the SSV website.

During Term 4, our sport induction program commences with students in Years 4 and 5 being involved in Summer Sport training for the following Term 1 year's summer sports teams.

UNIFORM

The prescribed School Sports Uniform is to be worn at all times.

SUMMER SPORTS

	Students wear	School provides
Basketball	Maroon shorts	Basketball tops
Bat Tennis	School shorts, school t-shirt	
Cricket	White shorts/pants, jumper	White Cricket shirt
Rounders	School shorts/netball skirt, school t-shirt	Numbered bibs

WINTER SPORTS

	Students wear	School provides
Football	Maroon short, football boots, mouth guard	Football jumpers, shorts, socks
Soccer	Football boots	Soccer jumpers, soccer shorts, socks
Netball	Yellow school t-shirt, maroon netball skirt	Netball bibs
Softball	School t-shirt	Numbered bibs

As a safety measure it is advisable for parents to consider mouth guards for their children. Mouth guards are compulsory for football squad members.

TRANSPORT

To promote good team morale, all members of Interschool Sports teams will travel by seat-belted bus during Watsonia District Summer and Winter Interschool Sport Fixtures, when teams are to play away. Also, the District Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals teams will travel by bus. The cost of the bus to be shared amongst the participating students.

Parents are most welcome to watch matches and support the teams, but will need to make their own travel arrangements and meet the team at the match venue.

In the event that one team/or small number of individuals (swimming, cross country, athletics) is to represent the school in District, Division, Regional or State Finals, parental assistance will be requested to provide transport by private cars. Current driver's licenses and full comprehensive car insurance is required. The cost of hiring a bus would be unwarranted in this case.

PARENTAL ASSISTANCE

Sports Squads:

Parents with specific sport coaching qualifications or background experience may be invited to assist teachers in training and organising teams. (Parents will be guided by the 'SSV and School Code of Behaviour').

Skill Development Activities:

Parents are encouraged to volunteer to assist with small groups of students who will be working intensively on improving their skills.

House Team Cross Country and Athletics:

Parent assistance is essential to run these major events and provide the students with maximum participation time.

This policy was endorsed by School Council on 22/11/11 and is to be implemented until reviewed.