



## Trinity College Sport Teams and Representative Selection Procedures

### **Purpose**

The aim of this document is to communicate to the school community how Trinity College manages the selection of representative sporting teams.

The **school** will:

- Designate a Sports Coordinator as part of the overall school leadership structure
- Select staff with the appropriate skill set to coach teams and manage team selection
- Provide information to parents and students/carers about upcoming sporting opportunities

**Parents** are expected to:

- Uphold the Parent Code of Conduct
- Address any legitimate team selection concerns to the Sports Coordinator in a calm and respectful manner

**Students** are expected to:

- Represent the school with pride and respect at all times
- Comply with staff directions at all times
- Attend selection trials or ensure coaches are provided with a reason why attendance is not possible
- Follow the school rules at all times while representing the school

### **Additional Information**

1. Students will only be eligible for selection in sporting teams if their academic progress and behaviour are in line with college expectations.
2. Students must have an attendance rate of 80%. Students who do not meet this requirement may be granted permission to represent after consideration of individual circumstances by the sports coordinator.
3. During the first round of the School Sport Victoria competition, Trinity will attempt to enter additional teams to provide more students with the opportunity to represent the school.
4. Teams will be selected based on their performance in trials in the areas of skills, knowledge, teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as the level of sport they are competing in outside of school.
  - Selections will be held over two sessions, if required.
  - A minimum of one reserve will be selected.
  - Where there are two students of equal ability, the child from the higher year level will be selected.
  - Students do not have to participate in the selected sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team.
  - Students who are absent due to holidays or illness on all selection days must contact the sports coordinator prior to trials in order to be eligible for selection.
  - All teams will be selected by the coach/s and communicated to students.
  - On the day of competition, coaches will be responsible for making team decisions, balancing attempting to win with providing opportunities to all selected students.
  - Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

## **Codes of Behaviour**

Codes of behaviour provide a supportive framework, which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- the principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport;
- that students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers; and
- the encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

## **Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code**

When chosen to represent the school at external sporting events, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform. When representing the school, students may be expected to wear representative shirts or code-specific apparel (i.e. white trousers for cricket). Full school sports uniform includes necessary safety equipment for specific sports (i.e. helmet, shin pads, mouth guard etc.)

The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in sporting activities if behaviour is inappropriate at any school-endorsed activities.

## **Management of Teams**

All sporting teams representing Trinity College will be accompanied by a member of our teaching staff. The teacher maintains responsibility for managing student and parent conduct at all training and competition sessions and makes final decisions as to player participation as well as ensuring adherence to all aspects of this document.

Before announcing a representative team, the teacher-in-charge will discuss the team selections with the Year Level Coordinators who have the authority to exclude any student who has not met the school's behaviour or attendance expectations. In the event of a student not meeting the school's behaviour or attendance expectations while representing the school, the teacher-in-charge may remove the student from the representative team. At any time that the team is training, travelling, or involved in a match it should be regarded as a period of school representation.

## **Playing Time**

Coaches will make every effort to provide equitable playing times giving consideration to the skill level of each player and the requirements of individual positions. Most team sports require a certain skill level in key positions. While all students selected in a team will be given an opportunity to play, depending on the circumstances of the game playing time may be unequal.

## **Complaints Procedures**

Parents with complaints regarding implementation of the procedures set down in this document should discuss their concerns with the individual teacher coaching the specific team or the Sports Coordinator in the first instance.