



St Columba's School Ballarat North

SPORTING CODE OF CONDUCT

Whenever children represent St Columba's School in sport, the emphasis will be on fun, participation and reaching your full potential.

We always expect our students to:

1. try their hardest, to the best of their ability
2. display good sporting temperaments
3. have fun when playing sports

These qualities will be the yardstick of our success, rather than an emphasis on winning at all costs!

Sporting Code:

Whenever representing our school community, both at school and at other venues, all students, staff and parents are expected to abide by the following code:

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your teacher, captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with others at all times. Show respect to your coach/es, teachers, team-mates and opponents.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Consequences of breaking the Sporting Code:

Depending upon the seriousness or consistency of the violation of the code, some or all of the following consequences will apply:

- Students may receive a warning from St. Columba's staff or coach/manager at the time of the incident or when the student returns to school.
- Students will be expected to apologise to offended people (written and/or verbal)
- Students may be banned from playing for the rest of the game, the rest of the carnival, the rest of the season, or even representing the school again. This decision will be made after discussion with the P.E. Teacher, Classroom Teacher, Leadership Team and or Principal.
- Students may be expected to meet with Teacher or Principal to explain behaviour.
- Students may have to write explanatory letters to family and school about their behaviour.
- Students may miss out on future excursions, camps, etc if their behaviour is deemed unacceptable.
- Parents may be asked to leave the venue if their behaviour is deemed unacceptable and is in violation of this code.

(Refer to St Columba's Positive Behaviour Policy for more information)

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SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROTOCOLS FOR ST. COLUMBA'S

The following protocols have been established to provide a clear framework in which teachers, students and families can operate. They are designed to be clear, unambiguous and binding upon all members of the St. Columba's community.

At St Columba's School we aim to provide a program which allows all students to:

- Enjoy physical activities, develop skill level, identify and experience a healthy lifestyle
- Work with others in both co-operative and competitive situations while emphasising fair play
- Develop social relationships and team-work such as: respect for others; strategies to reduce, avoid and resolve conflict; co-operating in teams working towards agreed goals; taking specific roles and following guidelines
- Represent the school (where possible) through a general ability or elite standard of competition suited to their level of competence
- Participate in increasingly more complex games by reflecting on their skill development and performance and striving to reach their full potential

School Participation:

All St. Columba's students participate in:

- A developmental skill based Physical Education program including co-operative and competitive activities
- A school athletics day

All year 5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in a school cross country event and Inter-school sport with other Catholic Schools in Ballarat and District. Students are encouraged to try different sports and selection for these events will be conducted on a rotational basis where possible. Grade 3/4 students will also participate at the discretion of the Grade 3/4 teachers.

Parent Organised Sporting Opportunities:

Parents are encouraged to organise after school participation in activities such as; FUTSAL soccer, TOTAL GIRL'S soccer, NETBALL*, BASKETBALL*. All children participating in a team, including children not enrolled at St Columba's School, are bound by this Code of Conduct. All parents must also adhere to the St Columba's Sporting Code of Conduct. If any issues arise, coaches and managers are asked to contact the school principal.

* Where these teams are given the opportunity to represent the school on a specific tournament day, or for future zone and regional representation, the teams may be re-structured in an effort to include more students who are not already participating and to allow them to be graded according to the requirements of the competition eg. Thursday basketball.

Elite Participation and School Representation:

Students selected to represent St. Columba's school at an elite level need to have demonstrated best results in the school events or have tried out and then been selected on their merits. As these are school representative events the try-outs will be conducted by the teacher in charge of sport or by a teacher with particular expertise in the sport. Where possible a teacher may consult with other teachers to confirm the selection process.

Any queries or concerns regarding the selection process need to be directed to the Principal by appointment.

All students are expected to participate in mandatory events unless they are physically unfit to do so. Where students have opted to try out for a sport this is seen as clear sign of commitment and they are expected to follow the school code of conduct and represent our school to the best of their ability.

The pathways for school representation at an elite level are as follows:

SPORT	P.E. / SPORT PROGRAM **	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY (Parent organised)	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY **	INTER SCHOOL SPORTS **	TRY OUTS	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS	ZONE REPRESENTATION	REGIONAL REPRESENTATION	STATE REPRESENTATION
ATHLETICS	X		X			X	X	X	X
CROSS COUNTRY	X				X	X	X	X	X
FOOTBALL	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
NETBALL	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
BASKETBALL	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
KANGA CRICKET	X				X		X	X	X
TENNIS	X			X	X		X	X	X
GOLF	X				X		X	X	X
SOCCER	X			X	X		X	X	X
SWIMMING					Parent recommended		X	X	X

** These activities are mandatory. The remaining activities are optional.