



Sporting Selection Policy

Rationale:

Sports events are an important part of the Kew Primary School (KPS) Physical Education program. In the past, events have included District Athletics, Cross Country, Interschool Sport, Gala Day, Hoop Time and specific excursions.

Sports events can help students to develop skills in physical activity and team work, and build self-confidence and ability in the Physical Education domain. Events can also build school spirit and pride via staff, students and the wider school community working together to achieve one goal.

Some Sports event require a process of student selection. This may be due to limits on the number of student places available in a specific event and/or for appropriate event allocation. Kew Primary School follows a series of guidelines to ensure the selection process is fair and transparent.

Implementation & Guidelines:

- All students participating in such events must meet and display the participation requirements, which include: commitment, positive attitude, required ability.
- Students will be well informed of the selection process for all events prior to trying out for specific events.
- Students successfully chosen must meet the criteria outlined to all students prior to the selection.
- A student may be relieved of a position or replaced if that student displays unacceptable behaviour during school hours.

District Athletics team:

- The Kew Primary School District Athletics team is selected based on the results from the KPS House Athletics carnival.
- The first placed student in each event at age level is selected for that event in the team.
- Students are only permitted to enter two individual events and one relay at District level.
- If a student is successful in too many events, they must select their preferred events.
- The remaining events are offered to the second place getter from the House Athletics carnival, and subsequent place getters.
- Age groups offered at this event are 10yr, 11yr and 12/13yr old.

District Swimming team:

- The Kew Primary School District Swimming team is selected based on the results from the KPS House Swimming carnival.
- The first placed student in each event at age level is selected for that event in the team.
- Students are only permitted to enter two individual events and two relay events at District level.
- If a student is successful in too many events, they must select their preferred events.
- The remaining events are offered to the second place getter from the House Swimming carnival, and subsequent place getters.
- Age groups offered at this event are 10yr, 11yr and 12/13yr old.

District Cross Country:

- The Kew Primary School Cross Country team is selected based on the results from the KPS House Cross Country carnival.
- The top 10 placed students in each age group are selected for the team.
- The 11th and 12th placed students are listed as backup members of the team, should a team member not be available on the day of the carnival.
- Age groups offered at this event are 9/10yr, 11yr and 12/13yr old.

Interschool Sport teams:

- Students in Senior School participate in Interschool Sport.
- Students are asked for their sport preference prior to the commencement of the sport fixture.
- Teams are formed with Year 6 students being given their first preference wherever possible, then their second, third etc. preference if required.
- Teams are completed with Year 5 students, giving them their first preferences if still available and so on.

Hooptime:

YEAR 4 – This program is available for Year 4 students.

- Teams will be selected by the Physical Education teacher and another delegated staff member.
- This selection will be based on ability and experience including an assessment of the current playing commitments of the student in outside of school teams as according to the Hooptime guidelines.
- Where deemed necessary an in house selection trial will be organised.

YEAR 6 – This program is available to selected Year 6 students only (and Year 5 students if places are available or as required).

- Teams are to be selected by the Physical Education teacher and another delegated staff member.
- This selection will be based on ability and experience including an assessment of the current playing commitments of the student in outside of school teams as according to the Hooptime guidelines.

School Sports Victoria Trials & Selection:

Kew Primary School is a member of School Sports Victoria (SSV) and students have opportunities to try out for selection into a variety of representative teams.

Kew Primary School adheres to the trial and selection process as directed by SSV. To ensure that the method of selection is understood by the students and parents, the process will be outlined and communicated in the school newsletter at the beginning of the year. Parents are also required to check the SSV website to ensure that they obtain the most up-to-date information.

If a child is interested in being considered for selection into a SSV team, parents are responsible for checking with the Physical Education teacher as to the suitability of their child taking part e.g. the standard of current playing level of the student.

In some cases SSV has limits on the number of students who can try out for teams from the one school. If more students interested in applying than places are available the Physical Education teacher and another delegated staff member will manage an in-house selection process based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated high level ability in the particular sport.
- Demonstrated positive attitude, commitment and sportsmanship.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in October 2017.