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## **1. RATIONALE**

1.1 Assumption Catholic Primary expects that school community members behave in an appropriate manner when participating, spectating, coaching or managing a particular sport, both school level and interschool level.

## **2. SCOPE**

All members of Assumption Catholic Primary School community.

## **3. PRINCIPLES**

3.1 Assumption Catholic Primary School is affiliated with the Peel Schools Sports Association. This is a collaboration of Government, Independent and Catholic schools in the Peel area, all supportive in providing a quality Interschool Sports Association within the district.

3.2 Students, staff and spectators will behave in an appropriate manner when in attendance of sporting events at school and when representing the Assumption at interschool fixtures.

3.3. It is School policy as well as Association policy that students, staff and spectators follow a 'Code of Conduct' at all times. Students, staff and parents are made aware of these at the beginning of the school year and are asked to sign the Code of Conduct authenticating their commitment. (Detailed below)

3.4 Consequences of not abiding by these Codes will be dealt with by the Principal, Assistant Principal and the Physical Education teacher. For students, these will run in conjunction with the School Discipline Policy and carry the necessary consequences deemed appropriate (by this policy). If parents and /or staff are deemed to break the conditions of the code, the Principal will meet with them and discuss appropriate action.

3.5 In light of gross misconduct by a student, parent or staff member at a school sporting event they will be asked to leave the venue. Liaison with the school principal will follow and necessary action deemed appropriate will be taken based on other existing school and/or Catholic Education Policy.

## PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



- **Play for the “fun of it”** and not just to please parents and coaches.
- **Play by the rules.**
- **Never argue with an official.** If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach official during a break or after the game.
- **Control your temper.** Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- **Work equally hard for yourself and your team.** Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
- **Be a good sport.** Cheer all good plays, whether they are by your team or the other team.
- **Treat all players as you would like to be treated.** Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- **Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents.** Without them there would be no game.

## PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



- Remember that **children play sport for their enjoyment**, not yours.
- **Encourage children to participate**, do not force them.
- **Focus on the child’s efforts and performance** rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to always participate **according to the rules.**
- **Never ridicule or yell at a child** for making a mistake or losing a game.
- **Remember that children learn best by example.** Applaud good plays by all teams.
- Support all efforts to **remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.**
- **Respect officials’ decisions** and teach children to do likewise.
- **Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and teachers.** Without them, your child could not participate.

## 4. REVIEW HISTORY

Year of Review	Reviewed by	Amendments/Review
2009	School staff	reviewed
2014	School Administration	Revised/ reformatted

## 5. NEXT REVIEW

Year	Responsibility
2017	School leadership team /Physical ed. staff

**GENERAL INFORMATION PERTINENT TO SCHOOL**  
**SPORT ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



### **Introduction**

This booklet is designed to inform both children and parents about the Sport program and Sport Carnival information at Assumption Catholic Primary School (ACPS). It provides parents with information about the selection processes for Interschool Carnivals. It also provides information about children's uniform, behavioural and training expectations.

### **Notes for Notifications of Injury or Illness**

Children that cannot participate in a Physical Education (PE) lesson, Sport lesson and/or Carnival must provide the classroom teacher with a signed parent note stating the reason. Alternatively, a doctor's certificate will be sufficient.

### **Parent Help**

Parent help is strongly encouraged at ACPS and all parent helpers are asked to read the Parent Code of Conduct in our ACPS Code of Conduct policy.

### **Bus Fares and Entry fees**

In many cases, Parents/Guardians will be required to pay a small bus fee to help cover the cost of transporting children to and from various venues. In a few cases Parents/Guardians may be required to pay a small entry fee to a venue or competition.

### **Uniforms, Hats & Footwear**

**Uniform:** Children need to ensure appropriate uniforms are worn for PE lessons, Friday Sport and Carnivals. For PE lessons and Interschool Carnivals, children are required to wear the light blue school sports shirt. The faction/house coloured sport shirt must be worn for Friday Sport, ACPS Swimming Carnival, ACPS Cross Country Carnival, ACPS Athletics Carnival and the ACPS Beach Carnival. The school's dark blue sport shorts and wide brimmed hat are compulsory for all sport lessons and carnivals.

**Footwear:** Children are not allowed to wear skate shoes or slip-on shoes as these shoes often slip off and do not provide suitable support for their feet. Children must wear appropriate sport shoes such as a running shoe or cross-trainer shoe which must be predominately white in colour.

**Children who do not wear the appropriate uniform will be issued with a uniform discipline slip.**

### **Behavioural Expectations and Consequences**

At ACPS our students are expected to be ambassadors of our school during out of school sporting events and Interschool Carnivals. Students and parents must be aware that as stated in the our Discipline Policy *"Any student whose behaviour results in an in-school or out of school suspension or who is removed from an off-site activity, will not be eligible for selection to represent the school in any interschool activity for the remainder of the year. This includes activities such as sporting fixtures, carnivals, discos, camps and excursions where it is considered an honour and a privilege to represent the school"*.

Please refer to our Discipline Policy for further information.

### ACPS Carnivals



#### **ACPS Swimming Carnival**

This year Assumption will host a Junior Swimming Carnival for the Year 3-7 Students, held at Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre (MARC) which runs for the whole day.

It is a traditional style carnival that is designed mostly for competition and maximal participation of students in a fun environment. The final results of the Year 4-7 students help the PE Teacher to select the Interschool Squad. The Year 3 students are included in the Senior Carnival in order to introduce them to the format of competitive swimming carnivals and to cater for the competent swimmers. However, the Senior Carnival still enables the less competent swimmers to have an alternative and less competitive swim in the shallow pool. The carnival is fully supervised by staff and parents.



#### **ACPS Cross Country Carnival**

Assumption hosts its Cross Country Carnival on the school premises each year. The carnival usually runs from morning till lunchtime. Years PP-3 children run approximately 400m. The Year 4/5 children run 1500m and the Year 6/7 children run 2500m (same distances as per interschool).

The result from the carnival enables the PE Teacher to select the Year 4-7 Interschool Team.



#### **ACPS Athletics Carnival**

Assumption hosts its Athletics Carnivals on the school premises each year. The carnival usually runs over three days. There is a Year 4-7 Jumps and Throws day (from morning till lunchtime), a PP-3 Junior Carnival (from morning till lunchtime) and a Year 4-7 Senior Carnival (all day).

The Throws and Jumps day is designed to enable children to compete in two throwing events and one or two jumping events. Both the Junior and Senior Carnivals are predominately the 'modern carnival' format that has a tabloid or circuit setup where children are actively engaged most of the time. This is opposite to the 'traditional carnival' which sees students sitting in the bays waiting for their event. Both these carnivals include a mix of individual and team events.

The results from all of the carnivals enable the PE Teacher to select the Year 3-7 Interschool Team.



#### **ACPS Beach Carnival**

The Beach Carnival is a day where the whole school (Years 1-7) comes together. It is a day of co-operation teamwork, friendship and most of all a day of having fun. Therefore, scoring does not take place. It is usually held on the last day of the school year at Doddi's Beach. Staff, parents and students are able to unwind from the year by having fun and taking part in novelty tabloid activities on the beach. The carnival is fully supervised by the Mandurah Surf Lifesaving Club (MSLSC), school Staff and Parents. There are a mix of water's edge activities, shore activities and free swims. There is even a chance for the competent swimmers

(Stage 9 and above) to compete in the Iron man/woman Competition.

The Beach Carnival is linked to the Boardies Day which we have at school. The gold coin donations from Boardies Day go straight to the MSLSC for the supervision of our Beach Carnival.

## Interschool Sport Information



### **Introduction**

Each year some of the Year 3-7 students of Assumption Catholic Primary School (ACPS) compete in various Interschool Peel School Sport Association (PSSA) Carnivals in the Mandurah Region.

With around twenty schools in the PSSA (which are split up into divisions), we have a very healthy and competitive competition. Interschool carnivals and competitions enable children to compete in various sports in a competitive yet fun, safe and friendly environment. The Physical Education (PE) teachers from each school in the PSSA region meet regularly each year to ensure the smooth operation of the Interschool competitions.

Most of the carnivals cater of Year 6/7 students. However, a few enable the participation of Years 3-7. Many of the sports are modified for children to ensure safety and maximal participation.

### **Absences from ACPS Carnivals**

Children who are absent from the Assumption Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals will not be eligible for a place in the interschool teams. Students that are absent on the carnival day may only be chosen as a reserve at the discretion of the PE Teacher based on past performances and ability. In the case of Athletics, students whom are absent on the carnival day may still be chosen for Interschool Athletics Team events because students are selected according to their attitude, skills and ability demonstrated during PE lessons.

### **Code of Behaviour**

Parents, coaches and students that attend Interschool Carnivals are expected to follow the Code of Behaviour Guidelines (see back of booklet). Adhering to the Code of behaviour ensures are children are learning and developing within a sporting environment that promotes safety to all, fair play and respect to one another.

### **Training Expectations and Commitments**

To ensure students of ACPS give themselves and our school the best possible chance for success, students who make the team (even as a reserve) are expected to attend as many training sessions for the particular sport as possible. These training sessions are held at various times which may include lunchtimes, Friday Sport times and before and/or after school times.

Students who cannot attend training sessions need a valid reason and a written note from a Parent/Guardian. Children who do not attend training without a valid reason and parent note may jeopardise his/her place in the Interschool team, hence may not be allowed to attend the carnival.

### **Notes and Permission Slips**

Children need to have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian in order to attend carnivals or training sessions. Children that do not submit a signed permission slip will not be permitted to attend.

### **Term 1**



### **Year 6/7 Interschool League Tag**

In collaboration with the Western Australian Rugby League (WARL) the PSSA hosts two Interschool League Tag Carnivals usually held at

Peelwood Reserve. League Tag is safe modified game of Rugby League. Instead of tackling, children pull off tags from a waist belt. Assumption sends three equal ability mixed teams to one of the carnivals. The top team from each carnival have the chance to compete in the State League Tag Carnival (ARLD State Cup) in Perth (usually held in Term 3).

### **Selection Process**

The PE Teacher selects students according their attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during PE lessons.

### **Training Expectations**

Students are expected to attend three-four training sessions held during Lunchtimes and Friday Sport times on the school premises.



### **Interschool Swimming**

The PSSA hosts an Interschool Swimming Carnival usually held at MARC. Assumption sends a squad of Year 4-7 students to the carnival.

### **Selection Process**

Students are selected according to their results at the ACPS Swimming Carnival.

### **Training expectations**

Students are expected to attend four-five training sessions, held during lunchtimes on the school premises.

## **Term 2**

### **Yr 6/7 Interschool Winter Sport**

The PSSA hosts five Winter Sport Competitions held at various venues in the Mandurah region. Assumption sends a squad of Year 6/7 students to each of the sports which are Hockey, Soccer, AFL, Volleyball and Netball.

The remaining unselected students remain at school during Winter Sport Competitions to participate in regular Friday Sport. However, these children are given the opportunity to also participate a special sporting event outside of the school premises during a Winter Sport Competition day or Lightning Carnival day.

### **Selection Process**

Students are asked to place their choice of sport in order of preference. The PE Teacher then finalises the team selections, taking into account the students selections and sporting attitude, skill and ability.

### **Training Expectations**

Students are expected to attend four-five training sessions, held during Friday Sport time on the school premises.

### **Yr 6/7 Interschool Lightning Carnival**

The PSSA hosts five Lightning Carnivals which are the five Winter Sports. These carnivals are coordinated by each of the host schools at various venues within the Mandurah region. Assumption sends a squad of Year 6/7 students to each of the five sports which are Hockey, Soccer, AFL, Volleyball and Netball.

### **Selection Process**

Children participate in the same sport as the one they competed in for Winter Sport. **Training**

### **Expectations**

Training takes place as per Winter Sport.



**Term  
3**



### **Interschool Cross Country**

The PSSA hosts an Interschool Cross Country Carnival held at Meadow Springs Oval (new venue). Assumption sends a squad of Year 4-7 students to the carnival. Each year, Assumption aims to send a team to the State League Tag Competition in Perth.

#### ***Selection Process***

Students are selected according to their results at the ACPS Cross Country Carnival. Attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during PE lessons are also considered.

#### ***Training expectations***

Students are expected to attend five-six training sessions held before school on the school premises.



### **Interschool Athletics**

The PSSA hosts an Interschool Cross Country Carnival usually held at the venue of the hosting school. Assumption sends a squad of Year 3-7 students to the carnival.

#### ***Selection Process***

Individual Events - Students are selected according to their results at the ACPS Athletics Carnival. Attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during PE lessons are also considered.

Team Events - The PE Teacher selects students according their attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during PE lessons.

#### ***Training Expectations***

Students are expected to attend four-five training sessions held before and after school on the school premises.

### **Term 4**



### **Interschool DanceSport**

Dance Zone hosts an Interschool DanceSport Carnival usually held at MARC. Assumption sends a troop of Year 4-7 students to the carnival.

#### ***Selection Process***

The instructors from Dance Zone select students according to their attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during DanceSport

lessons.

#### ***Training Expectations***

Students are expected to attend three-four training sessions during school time on the school premises.



### **Yr 6/7 Interschool Super 8s Cricket**

The PSSA hosts an Interschool Super 8s Cricket Carnival usually held at Rushton Park. Assumption sends a squad of Year 3-7 students to the carnival.

#### ***Selection Process***

The PE Teacher selects students according their attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during PE lessons.

#### ***Training Expectations***

Students are expected to attend four-five training sessions held during Friday Sport time.



### **Interschool Basketball (Association Cup)**

The Interschool Basketball Carnival is held at the venue chosen by the hosting school. Assumption usually sends a squad of Year 6/7 students. A few Year 5 students have the chance of competing if not enough competent players can be selected from Year 6/7. The winning team of the carnival has the chance to compete in the State Basketball Carnival (Champions Schools Cup) in Perth (usually held in Term 4).

#### ***Selection Process***

The PE Teacher selects students according their attitude, skill and ability demonstrated during PE lessons.

#### ***Training Expectations***

Students are expected to attend three-four training sessions held during Friday Sport and a possible Lunch time or two.

### Combined Friday Sport

On Fridays Years 1-7 participate in combined Friday sport.

The usual format is:

- Both Year 1 classes join together for sport in the morning
- Year 2 and Year 3 combine for sport in the mid-morning
- Year 4 and Year 5 join for sport in the early afternoon and
- Year 6 and Year 7 combine in the afternoon.

The Junior Friday Sport program consists of activities and games which develop the children's fundamental motor skills in a circuit format. The Senior Friday Sport mainly focuses on a range of specific sports and games which also develop the children's fundamental motor skills.

The benefits of combining year levels for sport are:

- **SOCIAL SKILLS:** Children get to meet and interact with other children they normally may not mix with.
- **RELATIONSHIP & TEAM BUILDING:** The children are usually grouped together in their faction/house, therefore, have they have the chance to work on developing good relationships and teamwork within their faction/house which will hold them in good stead for faction/house carnivals.
- **NEW EXPERIENCE:** Both children and teachers are able to have a new experience. Teachers have the chance to experience teaching a different group of children and the children get to have a chance to experience a teacher they would not normally have.
- **PREPARATION FOR UPPER PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL :** In upper primary and high school children of varying year levels often join together for tasks and activities.

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