SPORTS POLICY

PRINCIPLES:

BROAD EDUCATIONAL AIMS:

Sport is part of, and a logical extension of, all the components of a comprehensive Physical Education program. Sport at Yarra Hills aims to provide a dynamic foundation for life long physical activity choices and preparation for an active healthy lifestyle. It involves both inter and intra-school sport and is concerned with the development in the performer, official and spectator of knowledge, skills, positive attitudes and values in a wide range of both competitive and non-competitive sporting and recreational pursuits. Yarra Hill's inclusive program emphasises broad participation, fun, improvement and the achievement of one’s personal best.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:

• The Sport program and its proposed dates must be approved by the School Council in Term 4 of the previous year.
• A sport coordinator should be appointed at each of the 3 campuses with appropriate time/financial allowances allocated as deemed necessary. The College Sport Coordinator will be based at one of the campuses and will be responsible for Sport at that campus in addition to the overall college Sport delivery.
• The College shall provide an adequate budget for Sport that allows for - purchase of necessary equipment, uniforms, bus hire and affiliation fees, to enable effective functioning of the program.
• Those who are responsible for a sport event shall maximise the use of school resources (ie. CRT extras). Resources are to be used as efficiently as possible in the operation of the program.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS SPORT COORDINATORS:

The College and Campus Sport Coordinator will:
• Provide educational leadership in the development, implementation, evaluation and organisation of an inclusive Sport program within state wide policies and guidelines.
• Coordinate Sport for the entire College student and staff population.
• Organise an Intra-College House system of Sport that includes the following whole College Carnivals: - Swimming (1 day) early Term 1, Athletics (1 day) late Term 1, Cross Country (½ day) Term 2. These times are weather dependant.
• Liaise with and encourage staff, parents, senior student leaders and members of community sporting bodies to train and coach our Summer and Winter Round Robin teams; strengthening community links and easing the repercussions of staff only involvement.
• Oversee the training of Round Robin teams, prepare kits and launder uniforms.
• Attend Lilydale/Yarra Group Sport meetings and convene Group Carnivals and Round Robins as necessary.
• Monitor Sport Calendar development to ensure rotated event days in an attempt to lessen the impact on specific classes that students may miss through Sport involvement.

• Actively explore with Sub-School Coordinators the creation of year level Sport Education and Recreation "well being" days linked to round Robins so that all students and staff are positively involved with no extras created.

• Inform staff and students that involvement in Sport for students is not an automatic right but has to be earned through commitment, training, good behaviour and appropriate work ethic in classes that may be missed through Sport involvement. Issues relating to students being withdrawn from sporting teams must be referred to the Sports Coordinator.

• Place all students and staff in House Teams either linked to Roll Call/Form Groups or randomly selected with attempted age group and gender balance.

• Organise the House Captain/Student Leadership aspect of the Sport Program including selection and training so that active student leaders play a significant role in House meetings, carnival organisation and officiating and Round Robin Team coaching.

• Ensure that Sports teams representing the College have student captains and vice-captains elected so that appropriate positive feedback can consistently occur through newsletters, assemblies, end of year magazines, local newspapers and government sports awards schemes.

• Advertise early and regular House meetings to allow adequate organisation of teams prior to Carnivals and the creation of genuine House Spirit through awards to house members.

• Develop strategies to incorporate and utilise lunchtime yard duty staff and students in the training of teams, the use of gymnasiums, the use of sports equipment and the development of lunchtime activities programs.

• Promote and publicise all sport related opportunities that come to attention from the wider community, again to strengthen links in the hope that lifelong, active participation is an outcome.

• Develop strategies to encourage and increase the participation of students with special needs in sport.

• Ensure that adequate notice of sporting events will occur and that all practical and legal documentation, safety procedures and staffing concerns will be addressed as appropriate.

• Strengthen the sporting ties between the 3 campuses including sharing resources, conducting inter-campus competitions and creating stronger single college teams where appropriate.

• Team lists to be published and handed to office at least one week before event.
This policy was last ratified by School Council in AUGUST 2012