



Rostrevor College

Policy	Co-Curricular Participation
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Vision

In a community where boys thrive, Rostrevor inspires its students to achieve their personal best in all endeavours and to become men for others who make a positive difference in the world.

Context

Co-Curricular programs and participation in team sport has and continues to be an important component of a Rostrevor Education of the head, heart and hands. We believe it reinforces both Palma Merenti and notion of becoming a 'Man for Others'.

Rostrevor Sporting Teams participate in competitions organised by the Sports Association of Adelaide Schools. Most team sports are conducted on Saturday mornings with senior teams scheduled in the late afternoon for football and cricket. First XI Soccer matches are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, after school.

College teams are managed and coached by qualified coaches, members of staff, Old Collegians, Parents and other paid coaches. In all teams, our preference is to have the highest level of coaching available to students. Similarly, matches are officiated by appropriately accredited and experienced umpires and referees.

In an era when sport has become big business and where clubs and associations compete for membership by imposing greater restrictions upon broader participation of their players, it is important for the College to clearly state its expectations of students and families in regard to Participation in Co-Curricular Activities.

It is only in the context of life at the College, that sport and other co-curricular participation is integrated into the holistic development of the child. Therefore, it is expected that all parents and guardians will give full consideration to the College's requirements for Co-Curricular Participation before accepting an offer of enrolment.



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Policy Statement

It is a condition of enrolment at Rostrevor College that every student in Year 3 to Year 12 is expected to participate in at least one co-curricular activity for a Semester each year. In this regard, participation includes attendance at scheduled training sessions and briefings.

Co-curricular Activities are classified under three groups

- Sport
- Music
- Clubs

It is highly recommended that all boys participate in a team sport or Pedal Prix each year.

Students must prioritise representing Rostrevor College over external club or organisational commitments when proficient in the College-offered activity. The College does **not** permit students to play for a club or other organisation in preference to their college team in the same or similar sport. If external club commitments in multiple sports create a clash, the College commitment takes precedence, and students must represent the College in all non-clashing fixtures.

Students must apply for an exemption only where participation at the highest level (defined as State or National representation or competition in a recognised Premier League (i.e., NPL, SANFL) creates a conflict with college representation. The highest level does not extend to club-level training or matches, or development squads, which remain secondary to college commitments.

Where a student is participating in a specialist sports program through the college curriculum (e.g. soccer, AFL, or basketball, in Years 10 to 12), they are expected to represent the college in that sport.

To avoid doubt, no student will receive a blanket exemption from this policy.

The College recognises that some students may have individual needs, interests, or circumstances that make participation challenging. In such cases, students are encouraged to participate in an alternative activity, such as music, clubs, or a College Service Program, which supports their personal development and sense of belonging.

Adjustments or exemptions may be approved by the Deputy Principal in consultation with the student, parents, and relevant staff, to ensure meaningful participation that aligns with the student's strengths and wellbeing.

Only boys who are currently participating in the regular College competition and meeting College expectations will be considered for Representative and Knockout Teams and touring sides for that sport.



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Principles

The Co-Curricular Participation Policy is based upon the following principles:

- Representing the College in Co-Curricular activities builds stronger networks of friendship and feelings of connectedness to the College for every boy.
- Boys have different interests and abilities. Therefore, the College provides a range of Co-Curricular activities over summer and winter.
- The expectations of the College are clearly stated upon enrolment with annual reminders and follow up for students.
- The Policy provides scope for students participate at the highest level in their sport and other activities to negotiate variations in their participation in Co-Curricular activities.
- The policy provides flexibility for students with additional needs or non-athletic interests to engage meaningfully in alternative co-curricular activities that promote personal growth, inclusion, and connection to the College community

Responsibilities

Principal

- To ensure that this policy aligns with the Charter and Touchstones of EREA and the Vision and Mission of the College.
- To ensure that policy is applied consistently and fairly.
- To be the final arbiter regarding any appeals for exemption from this policy or issues arising from its application.

Deputy Principal

- To oversee the management of Co-Curricular programs.
- To review participation data to ensure that every student is participating in the College Co-Curricular Program as required.
- To meet with students and parents regarding incidents where a student is not participating as required.
- To approve variations and/or exemptions of student participation allowable under this policy.
- To refer appeals and disputes to the Principal for consideration.

Head of Co-Curricular Activities

- To plan, implement and manage the College's annual co-curricular program.
- To maintain the high standard of co-curricular facilities, coaching quality, and student expectations, ensuring that all programs reflect the College's commitment to excellence.
- To monitor student participation and provide the Deputy Principal with reports regarding Co-Curricular Participation including a list of exemptions for those playing club sport at the highest level.



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- To communicate with and work with students and families to maximise the level of participation in the College's Sporting programs and to negotiate variations to participation in College Sport for students playing at the highest level, for approval by the Deputy Principal.
- To meet with a student regarding incidents where he is not participating as required and to escalate to the Deputy Principal if not resolved.
- To ensure that only those students who playing a college sport are considered for selection in Representative, Knockout and touring sides for that sport.

Coaches and Managers

- To maintain accurate attendance lists for all training sessions and matches including rotational arrangements for players who have exemption to play at the highest level.
- To report repeated attendance issues to the Director of Co-Curricular Activities for follow up

Students and Parents

- To participate in the College's program of Co-curricular Activities as required under this policy.
- Students must participate fully and to the best of their ability in Co-Curricular activities.
- Students must adhere to the highest standards of conduct, sportsmanship, and presentation in line with college and activity-specific codes of conduct.
- Students must wear the correct College uniform or approved attire when representing the College.
- Students must comply with the rules and expectations of governing bodies (e.g. SAAS).
- Students must accept consequences for breaches of conduct, which may include withdrawal from activities and/or impacts on enrolment in serious cases.
To email the Deputy Principal to request any variations to the participation requirements

This Policy was reviewed on **10/03/2026** and will be reviewed before **10/03/2031**.