

SAPSASA Knockout / District / State Teams

Selection and Participation Criteria / Process

The school supports SAPSASA sports offered during the year, which are reflective of the sports offered at the school. The number of sports for which students may nominate will be determined by the Principal / Nominee and SAPSASA Coordinator in consultation with the Sports Sub Committee Convenor. SAPSASA selection will result in some school work missed, so as a general guide, one summer and one winter team sport and two individual sports will be considered sufficient .e.g. tennis, soccer, cross country and swimming. Additional selection will be considered in consultation with the school.

Selection for SAPSASA team sports, individual events and District teams will be limited to children in their 11th - 13th year, while individual sports such as swimming, athletics, orienteering and cross country will be open to students in their 10th - 13th year.

Students turning 10 in the calendar year may be used to fill **school based teams** in cases of insufficient numbers based on late withdrawal, illness or exceptional circumstances.

Selection for interstate Teams is open only to students who are 12 years old (or under) in the year of competition.

Participation in SAPSASA events is subject to approval by the School Principal. Negotiations with class teachers will be undertaken prior to inclusion to consider student school work requirements. (A student's school attendance, behaviour, work completion and attitude will be considered in this instance.) Significant cause must be shown before a student is denied the opportunity to participate.

All children who nominate for a sport must play sport for the school or a club, unless there are insufficient numbers. Students who nominate must clearly demonstrate competence in that sport and a sound understanding of the rules and code of conduct required. Selection will give preference to Year 7 students over younger students where there is a similar level of ability (i.e. Year 6's must be clearly better players). Where students are of similar ability, team selection will give preference to students in the higher year level, participating in composite year competition (e.g. Yr 7 before Yr 6).

Teams must be selected prior to nomination based on an approved lead up training programme as coordinated by the Principal / Nominee, SAPSASA Coordinator and nominated coach. Students are required to attend training in order to be considered for selection. Coaches should keep records of selection details on each student considered for selection. Any grievances should be brought to the attention of the existing general Sports Committee for a final ruling /decision.

Where possible Knockout competitions will be scheduled to avoid disruption to identified school priorities including School Choir.