



## Extra-Curricular Participation Policy

**VISION:** *New Lambton South Public School creates a space that inspires everyone to be their best.*

### RATIONALE:

New Lambton South Public School is a place of learning. Extra-Curricular activities provide students the opportunity to engage in curriculum, sporting and cultural opportunities to complement teaching and learning experiences as part of a whole school program. NLSPS recognises the social and wellbeing benefits of student involvement in extra-curricular programs. Students are encouraged to engage in extra-curricular activities. Staff, students and student families must realise that participation in any extra-curricular activity is a privilege which is earned through a positive attitude and effort and demonstration of positive behaviour at school, in line with our school values.

### OBJECTIVES:

In order to ensure a strong focus on teaching and learning, maximise student achievement and ensure the school is represented positively, students are required to meet minimum benchmarks to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Students must consistently demonstrate the school values to be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities.

The school values are:

**Be Kind**

**Be Safe**

**Be Your Best**

### TYPES OF ACTIVITIES:

Extra-curricular activities fall under the following categories:

- Curriculum
- Sporting

Some examples of activities in each category include but are not limited to:

Curriculum	Sporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debating</li> <li>• Excursions/Incursions</li> <li>• Choir</li> <li>• School Camps</li> <li>• Academic competitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSSA Knockout teams</li> <li>• Sports Representative opportunities</li> <li>• Zone/Regional/State Carnival representation</li> <li>• Gala Days</li> <li>• Aerobics</li> </ul>

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students may participate in extra-curricular activities providing they meet the following criteria:

- Student is positively engaged in all aspects of school.
- Student consistently demonstrates the school values of '*Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Your Best*'.
- Student is **not** currently on a Positive Playground Passport or Classroom Card. (See Appendix 1)
- Student is **not** within the 5-week probationary period after suspension (See Appendix 1)
- If the Principal determines any evidenced reason for a student not to participate in the extra-curricular activity the student will become ineligible and withdrawn.





### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROCEDURES**

- NLSPS encourages students to participate in activities for which they show an interest and/or proficiency.
- Students are expected to participate in those activities for which they nominate and are required to attend the necessary training/practice sessions.
- A number of activities require students to trial for a limited number of places. Students not selected in a team are encouraged to try-out for other opportunities as they present.
- Appropriate uniform and presentation are required at all times.
- If a student is selected to represent NLSPS and cannot attend the event due to a legitimate reason, notice of this is required in advanced to allow for organisational requirements to be carried out.

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

Students are permitted to make an application for special consideration. This application must be received at least two weeks prior to the activity. It is expected that this application will only be approved if some atypical or extraordinary event has taken place in the student's life that has had a negative impact on their behaviour. This application will be considered by the Principal. The decision will be communicated in writing.

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WITH MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION WHILST MAINTAINING HIGH EXPECTATIONS.**

### **ENDORSEMENT**

**The School Leadership team ratified this policy in...**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**

**The School P&C ratified this policy in...**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**





**APPENDIX 1**



