Rationale
The position of the NSW Department of Education and Communities on sport in schools is that:
“Regular participation in physical activity is associated with a range of physical and mental health benefits both in childhood and adulthood. Active children become healthy adults and schools play a key role in contributing to that outcome.
Sport is a compulsory and valued part of the school's curriculum and is an integral part of a child's development. It requires physical involvement in organised games or activities within an accepted set of rules.”
This policy documents the procedures that will be followed to implement sports programs at Warnervale Public School.

Aims
- To ensure that sports are included as a compulsory component of the curriculum at Warnervale Public School.
- To ensure the safety of students, staff and volunteers involved in school sporting activities.
- To highlight the values of fair play, participation and skills development as opposed to competitive success.
- To highlight support provided for representative levels of sporting achievement.

Implementation

School Sports Carnivals
- A swimming carnival, cross-country competition and athletics carnival will be held in Semester 1 each year.
- Accurate event records will be kept to assist with the participation of students who meet criteria for regional and zone events.
- Students will be allocated to a house and will gain points for their house based on participation as well as for placing in an event.
- Student success and sportsmanship will be recognised at school assemblies and presentation ceremonies.
- Parents/carers and families are welcome and encouraged to attend these events to support their children and the school.
- Costs e.g. transport, entry fees, will be kept to a minimum to enable all students to participate.
- Students will wear sports uniform and house colours to these carnivals, as requested by the school.

Regional and Zone Competition
- Students have opportunities to participate at school, zone, area, state and national levels in selected sports. They may represent as an individual or part of a team.
- Individual students who meet requirements to progress to zone and area competition require parental/caregiver permission and assistance to attend training and events.
- The school offers training and forms teams for softball, rugby league, AFL, netball and soccer. Students who are selected for teams for area or zone competition will receive coaching at school.
- Volunteer coaches/tutors may be utilised to assist teachers with coaching. All tutors must complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration.
- Students will wear school sports uniform for area and zone events. The school will provide representative jerseys.
- Parent/carer assistance may be required to transport and supervise students to sporting events when teams are not large enough to warrant hiring a bus/coach. Safe travel provisions must be followed. See Warnervale PS and DEC Excursions Policies.
- A risk assessment and management plan is required for all off-campus activities. See Warnervale PS and DEC Excursions Policies. Additional requirements may be required for some sports. Staff must refer to the Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activities in Schools document for further information regarding specific requirements.
• Students who progress to further representation e.g. State and National events will be recognised by comment in the school newsletter, school website and a presentation at an assembly.

School Sports Program
The school actively promotes a safe and healthy lifestyle, which includes nutrition as well as physical activity. To assist families to encourage their children to be active and eat a variety of healthy foods Warnervale Public School implements the following programs:
• Sport 4 Life Schools Program
• Weekly fitness
• Personal Development, Physical Education and Health (PDHPE) Key Learning Area syllabus requirements
• Weekly sports activities
• Live Outside the Square promotion with Central Coast Area Health Service (once a year)
• Healthy Canteen
Information about these initiatives and uniform requirements (if any) will be published in the school Wordabout and/or school website throughout the year.

Sports Representation and Financial Support
Each year students represent our school in a variety of sports and sporting pursuits. As part of this representation students are often required to attend carnivals and championships at venues that are not in the local area. Some of these venues may be interstate. While the cost to attend such venues may be significant to families, the school does not provide funding for the majority of these events. The school will, however, provide financial support to students that attend a national titles event. This support is in addition to funding provided by PSSA Wyong Association. This support will be by means of a school mufti, sausage sizzle or similar school fund-raising event.
A list of funding for various representative levels is provided below.

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Safety
The safety and well-being of students engaged in sporting activities is of paramount importance. For this reason the following strategies must be used:
• Sunsafe policy
• Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activities in School Guidelines
• DEC and Warnervale Public School Excursions Policies and their related policies and procedures.

*Important Information:* In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child’s involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets. The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body. Further information can be obtained from: [www.sportinginjuries.com.au](http://www.sportinginjuries.com.au) Parents who have private ambulance cover should check whether that cover extends to interstate travel and make additional arrangements as considered appropriate. Further information regarding student accident insurance and private health cover is provided at: [http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/spguide/activities/general/med_insurance.php](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/spguide/activities/general/med_insurance.php)

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle or when required by DEC.

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