



MOURA STATE HIGH

SELECTION OF STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

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Rationale

Moura State High School recognises the importance of exposing our students to the myriad of opportunities that exist within a school. We believe that it is important to enable our young people to access activities that support elements of a school additional to the specific subject areas that they study. These additional activities enhance motivation, connectedness to the school, foster social interaction, and can also provide success for students. We are committed to catering for the needs of each individual student and acknowledge the role that these types of activities may play.

Additionally, it is important to identify that representing Moura High within the community is something that has to be earned – it is not a right. Our philosophy of rewarding positive behaviour underpins this principle.

Definitions

An extra-curricular activity is an activity organised outside the normal classroom curriculum routine. E.g. school camps, school excursion, sporting teams, public speaking competition, end of year functions etc. (list not conclusive). It does not refer to curriculum excursions.

Sometimes sporting activities are classified as curriculum and/or extra curricula activity. In this case where clarification is required, the appropriate HOD will advise and consult with admin.

Guidelines

Students will be evaluated in relation to their behaviour, attitude, work ethic, dress, manners, sportsmanship, attendance at school or training, respect for the rights of others. All of these are of paramount concern and the manner in which students conduct themselves must reflect this importance.

1. Students would not be permitted to attend extra-curricular activities if they:

- Are currently suspended
- Have been suspended for 1-5 days within the 6 weeks prior to the event
- If they have had one or more 6-20 day suspensions in that year
- If they have had consistent breaches of the code of conduct, poor attitude or have three or more removals from classrooms within the last 10 week period
- Poor attendance to training, rehearsal or school, i.e. <85% minimum attendance requirement
- If they are considered a health and safety risk by the school
- If they are considered a possible danger to other students or themselves, if he or she were to take part in the particular activity based on the teacher's risk assessment
- Have outstanding resource levies

2. The organiser of the extra-curricular activity will provide the Head of Department and the relevant year co-ordinator with a list of proposed student participants to identify those that do not meet the required criteria listed above.

3. The teacher responsible for the event will pass on the decision to exclude students from the activity individually to each affected student and explain the appeal process. A letter or phone call will also be made to the student's parent to notify them of the decision.

4. Students may write a single one page appeal directly to the principal. The appeal must clearly outline the reasons why the student feels they should be able to attend the activity. The appeal may be based on errors in the decision making, significant improvements in behaviour or other factors. The principal will then make a decision on whether to uphold the ban or allow the student to participate.