



Mackillop Catholic Primary School Mackay

Extra-Curricular Activities Policy

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Policy Statement

Mackillop Catholic Primary School, in considering the holistic development of every child, views extra curricular cultural, educational and sporting opportunities as worthwhile learning experiences.

Description

'Extra-curricular' refers to worthwhile pursuits that enrich the life of a child which are provided outside of the regular, planned school program.

Whilst MacKillop Catholic Primary School acknowledges the value of extra-curricular activities, it is the parent's deliberate choice to have their child/children participate in them.

Where possible the school will provide a range of opportunities and certain facilities for these to occur. The school will not always be the service provider for these activities (e.g., Musiccorp provides tutors for the Instrumental Music Program).

These opportunities can occur outside the normal confines and timeframes of school routine - but they are not necessarily mutually exclusive either.

Examples of extra-curricular activities may include-

- Eisteddfod items
- Instrumental Music
- Representative sports
- Rock Pop Mime
- Competitions
- Sports Teams
- Mathematics Interschool Team Events
- Opti-Minds
- Challenge Cup

Implementation Issues

1. There is no expectation that the teacher will re-teach lessons missed by a child's attendance at an extra-curricular activity.
2. Teachers will negotiate with the parent and/or child the completion of any class work, projects or assignments missed through attendance at an extra-curricular activity.
3. The parents of the child attending the activity will pay any costs associated with the activity.
4. Negotiations and arrangements will be made by the tutor/organiser with the Principal for the use of the school's facilities and/or equipment.
5. Timetables indicating days and times of withdrawal from class will be provided to the Principal and Class Teacher by the tutor/organizer.
6. An appropriate level of extra-curricular commitments will be negotiated between parents and the school, if necessary. If class learning time and/or student progress was being compromised, further discussion among the interested parties would be expected.
7. Detailed Risk Assessments will be conducted where necessary to ensure safe participation and to mitigate the risk of injury.

Reflection Material