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## SPORT IN BOARDING

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Involvement in sport is an important part of a student's learning and development, and accordingly, is important to St Gregory's College. The College, Parents/Guardians, staff, and students all have a role to play in managing a students' involvement in sporting opportunities outside of those provided directly by the College. This is important in order to ensure student safety in line with the College's duty of care for the student and to minimise disruption to the boarding school and to the normal routine of the student.

Participation in sport is compulsory for boarders as it:

- Develops physical skills
- Enhances mental and physical well-being
- Develops important skills in teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership; and
- Builds self-confidence and a sense of pride in the College

The following Saturday sports are offered to boarders during the school year (subject to numbers):

Summer – Basketball, Cricket, Tennis, Weights/Fitness

Winter – Football, Rugby Union

Where St Gregory's offers a sport, students must give priority to playing for the College over a club team.

### **Guidelines**

#### **Recreational Sport**

Students are not permitted to participate in regular recreational sport or activities (external to the College) whilst they are boarding at the College. This **does not** include activities undertaken whilst on weekend leave or on an outing organized by boarding staff.

#### **Representative Sport**

Students who have gained selection in State or National representative teams are permitted to pursue such opportunities in consultation with the Director of Boarding and the relevant Boarding Coordinator.

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Students wanting to participate in other 'representative' sporting opportunities need to seek express consent from the Director of Boarding. Representative sport would usually only include selection in a team or squad representing a region or territory however it has traditionally and most commonly included representation in a Harold Mathews Cup or S. G. Ball Cup team in the NSW Rugby League. Such opportunities would usually only be considered for students in Year 10 – 12. Commitment to schoolwork, the boarding routine and being an active and engaged member of our community must take priority.

### **Responsibility**

#### **- Travel**

The College and boarding staff take no responsibility for a students' travel to and from training and games. Suitable arrangements must be made and communicated to the Director of Boarding and relevant Boarding Coordinator. This includes adhering to our policy that no student is to travel in a car with a P-plate driver without the express consent of the Director of Boarding.

#### **- Injury Management**

The responsibility for any immediate medical care (i.e. a student having to attend the Emergency department of a hospital) lies with the team management. As per normal, boarding staff will manage any ongoing medical treatment required.

### **Review**

This policy may be varied from time to time in the event of changing circumstances that would demonstrate the need for a review.