



# ATHLETICS DAY POLICY

## RATIONALE

Sport is a legitimate and significant activity within the school curriculum and should be conducted within the context of sound educational practices as part of the total curriculum.

The KICE Sports Committee will organise and manage Athletics Day including finances and are responsible to the Executive Leadership Team of KICE.

## POLICY

- The KICE Athletics Day will be held in Term 1 of any given year
- The venue will be on an alternative basis between Kingscote Town Oval and Parndana Town Oval
- The KICE Athletics Day is a highly competitive series of events based on the principles of track and field competition
- The Athletics events will be on a competitive basis with points given to all competitors to go towards their houses and individual awards for both boys and girls in each age group
- To be eligible to participate at the KICE Athletics Day a student has to turn 10 years of age or older in the same year of the event. This policy is due to;
  - The physiological and psychological development of a child under this age in a competitive athletics carnival.
  - Our duty of care responsibilities in terms of a child competing at this level and their health/wellbeing.
  - The Sapsasa policy for a student to participate in athletics is that a child must be turning 10 years or older in the same year of the event.
  - The Athletics Day being a selection trial for both Sapsasa and SSSSA (Secondary School Sport South Australia) athletics carnivals. The former has a cut off age of 14 years or if the student is in year 8.
- Students who achieve times or distances that are close or equal to state average selection criteria for their age group will be encouraged to participate at state and national level
  - 10, 11, and 12 age groups may compete in 4 events (maximum)
  - 13, 14, 15, 16 and Open may compete in 5 events (maximum)
- Students from all age groups can compete in 1 relay in addition to their individual quota of events.
- If there are two or more heats in the 100 metre and 200 metre events, finals will be run. Athletes in these events will receive team points in the heats and individual points in the finals. (The finals are determined on fastest times not positions in the heats).
- When events are run as combined age levels, competitors will still be credited with points for their correct age.
- SunSmart policies are adhered to.

## HOT & INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the forecast maximum on the ABC News at 7.00pm is 35° or higher the night before a scheduled Athletics Day the event will be cancelled and postponed to another date.

In the event of inclement weather, events may be modified as per the decision of the KICE Sports Committee, in consultation with the KICE Principal.

## WET WEATHER

When the forecast on the ABC News at 7.00pm predicts significant rain and or inclement weather (high winds, cold temperatures) resulting in the conditions being dangerous, putting students at risk, Athletics Day will be cancelled and postponed to another date.

Parents will be notified as soon as possible of any cancellation and the normal school program will proceed.