



Extracurricular Participation Expectations

Purpose

This policy outlines the conditions under which students may be excluded from participating in school extracurricular events and activities due to absence or poor attendance (Less than 85% - due to no sanctioned school absences), lack of application and/or completion of curricular assessment requirements. It aims to reinforce the importance of regular school attendance and engagement and ensure that participation in extracurricular activities supports academic and personal development.

Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled in St John's College, and to all school-organised extracurricular activities, including weekly sport, interschool competitions, cultural activities and representative events.

Policy Statement

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of the school curriculum and student wellbeing. However, consistent attendance and completion of mandatory course work and assessment is essential for academic success and social development. Students who fail to meet minimum attendance and academic requirements may be temporarily excluded from non-compulsory extracurricular activities to prioritise their academic engagement and wellbeing. Further, if a student is unwell and unable to attend school, they are unable to participate in extracurricular on the day of their absence to protect the health and wellbeing of the community and the student.

Attendance Expectations

- Students are expected to maintain a minimum attendance rate of **85%** per term, excluding approved absences (e.g., medical, bereavement). School sanctioned events.
- Students who are too unwell to attend school will be unable to attend extracurricular events on the day of their illness to protect the student and other community members.

Academic Expectations

- Students are expected to actively engage in all classroom activities and assessment requirements to the best of their ability.
- Formal assessment is to be completed on or by the due date (with the exception of school approved absences and illness indicated by an approved AARA).

Grounds for Exclusion from Extracurricular Events

A student may be excluded from participating in extra curriculum events if:

- Their attendance falls below 85% without valid justification.
- They are unwell on the day of event.
- There is a pattern of unexplained or unjustified absences, particularly on special college celebratory events.
- The student has been issued prior warnings and support interventions without improvement.
- The student has had repeated incidents of inappropriate behaviour or uniform violations or formal sanctions.
- The student has outstanding unsubmitted assessment.

Procedures

1. **Monitoring:** Attendance is reviewed at student support meetings twice in a term.
2. **Notification:** Parents/carers will be notified in writing if a student is at risk of not meeting college expectations.
3. **Support Plan:** A meeting may be arranged to develop a support plan to improve attendance, behaviour and engagement.
4. **Exclusion Decision:** If no improvement is observed, the student may be excluded from extracurricular events including weekly sport, interschool competitions, cultural activities and representative events for a defined period (e.g., 2–4 weeks).
5. **Reinstatement:** Students may be reinstated once attendance improves to acceptable levels.

Exceptions

Exemptions may be granted in cases of:

- Chronic illness or disability (with medical documentation)
- School sanctioned absence
- Family emergencies
- Other exceptional circumstances approved by the principal.

Review and Amendments:

- This policy will be reviewed and amended as necessary to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.