



St. Anne's

Primary School

60 KNEES ROAD, PARK ORCHARDS, VICTORIA 3114

POLICY: ENRICHMENT/EXTRA CURRICULAR

RATIONALE

Children benefit from being exposed to a range of experiences. Enrichment/Extra Curricular activities provide students with the opportunity of experiencing a sense of achievement through participating in a variety of challenging situations. Such experiences develop extra skills, consolidate established skills as well as build confidence, self-esteem, independence and teamwork.

The school constructs a curriculum program, which meets the requirements of the *Archdiocese of Melbourne in Religious Education* and ensures that the *Essential Learning Standards* as set down by the *Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority (VCAA)* are achieved over the seven years of primary school. Enrichment/Extra Curricular Programs are those programs, which although not required in order to meet the VCAA standards, enrich children's experience and learning.

There are three categories of Enrichment/Extra Curricular Programs conducted at St Anne's School.

- 1A ongoing programs offered to all students but are taken up by a few e.g. Choir
- 1B annual programs offered to all students but are taken up by a few
- 2 programs in which all students participate e.g. Excursions, Camps
- 3 programs conducted by outside providers.

AIMS

- To provide students with a diverse range of activities to enrich their experience
- To provide students with programs designed to develop skill, confidence, self-esteem, independence and team skills.
- To promote enjoyment of school attendance.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Deputy Principal will oversee the coordination of Enrichment/Extra Curricular programs. At the beginning of each school year a staff member will be appointed to coordinate each Category One and Category Two program. Where necessary an appointed committee will support the coordinator of the relevant Enrichment/Extra Curricular program. The annual program (see annual appendix) will be published to parents at the beginning of the school year. Any request for additional Enrichment Programs from parents or external facilitators will not be considered for the current year that the request is made. The person making the request can however have this request taken to the October Education Board meeting for consideration for the following year. The Education Board will need to consider replacing an existing program when making a recommendation to the Principal to adopt a new program.

CATEGORY ONE

Some programs will be offered to students as optional activities including extra curricular sport activities. Category 1A programs will be offered in each term; they are ongoing. Category 1B programs are annual events. There will be flexibility in the range of programs offered which will capitalise on current staff expertise and interest. Responsibilities will be included in the relevant staff member's role description. Additional programs may be offered as opportunities arise.

Funding

The parents of participating students will fully fund the cost of any Category 1A and 1B program and associated travel costs, over and above the annual excursion levy.

Timing

The Physical Education/Sports teacher who is employed two days per week will coordinate all Category 1B Sport programs.

CATEGORY TWO

All Students from the designated classes participate in Category Two activities. The school will coordinate these activities.

Excursions/Incursions See Policy

<http://www.saparkorchards.catholic.edu.au>

see School Community tab

Camps See Policy

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CATEGORY THREE – OUTSIDE PROVIDERS

These programs will be conducted outside face-to-face teaching hours where possible. The discretion of the Leadership Team may allow for one Category Three provider to operate during the teaching block.

The school will be responsible for:

- Dissemination of relevant information to parents

The provider will be responsible for:

- Providing relevant information to parents
- Providing the school with a current Criminal Record Check
- Obtaining term dates from School Calendar e.g. excursion dates, camp dates, changes to regular timetable
- Booking the necessary venue

Parents will be responsible for:

- Paying the relevant fees
- Providing the necessary equipment
- Communicating any individual changes/concerns directly to the provider.

EVALUATION

This policy was created in 2012 and will be reviewed every four years.

The next review will be in 2016