

REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS POLICY

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Rationale

All students who are invited to represent the College in any capacity, as outlined in this document, are expected to confirm to the guidelines and selection criteria made explicit by this College policy.

A student who is selected to represent the College, is one who takes pride in being a part of the Our Lady of Mercy College community. Individuals will strive to demonstrate a sense of commitment and pride in carrying out this representative role within the wider community.

College Representative Policy for Sports Competitions and Academic Events

Representing the College in the various sporting competitions and academic events offered is a privilege and comes with certain responsibilities. Specifically, talent alone is not the only criteria for successful selection for school representative teams. Students must adhere to, follow and maintain acceptable standards of behaviour, in both the classroom and the school yard, in order to be eligible for selection. Successful selection will be based upon a student's 'good standing' across three areas;


1. Respect for Self
2. Respect for Others
3. Respect for the Catholic Environment

All members of Our Lady of Mercy College will adhere to the 'Code of Conduct - Students'. Outlined below are the standards that must be upheld by individuals in order for selection and representation of the College in both sporting competitions and academic events.

Academic Work and Performance

- Students must be up to date with all work and assessments prior to the event they have selected to attend. This includes performing to a standard and level that is equivalent to their ability. Students deemed to be underachieving by the Head of Year (having evaluated feedback from teacher/s) could be ruled ineligible to participate and/or compete.
- Students must agree to complete any set work they miss, as outlined in courses, by an agreed time. Students who fail to complete set work after the event could be ruled ineligible for future selections.
- Students who have assessments that fall on the same date/s as their competition date/s will need to either arrange alternative assessment dates for forego attending the event.

Behaviour

- Students must uphold the appropriate standards in relation to their behaviour in class and the greater school community. As representing the College is more than just physical skill, students who do not uphold these behavioural standards will not be eligible for selection. Teachers who express concern about a particular student's behaviour, should have previously notified the appropriate Head of Year and completed SEQTA Pastoral Care Notes as support documentation and verification.
 - Behaviour at previous events, carnivals etc. is also a consideration in determining future selection.
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- Students must comply with all correct College uniform requirements, or they may be denied the opportunity to participate in the College team.

Attendance

- Students who are flagged for poor attendance rates at school and in classes, may be declared ineligible for selection if the relevant Head of Year deems that further absence could be detrimental to student learning and productivity. It is envisaged that specific Head of Learning Area and/or class teachers would have held discussions with student/s to express this concern and appropriate SEQTA Pastoral Care Notes are available as support documentation and verification.

Once students have been selected for respective teams, the Coordinator of Sports will forward team lists to relevant Heads of Years for confirmation. It is at this point that the vast majority of concerns relating to certain student selections, will arise. Any identified student/s will then be ruled ineligible for failing to uphold preliminary expectations.


Trial and Selection Process

The trial process for each sport or activity will follow the prescribed sequence;

- Nominations and trial for specific teams will be made available through the Daily Notices on SEQTA.
- Nominated team teacher/coach is required to process names and conduct trials if necessary, to form selection squad. Teacher/coach is to ensure a suitable timeframe is established for the selection of the final team prior to the competition event. This timeframe should be communicated to the Coordinator of Sports and the students involved. Team teacher/coach is to outline team expectations and commitment surrounding possible training sessions.
- Preliminary team list is to be submitted to the Coordinator of Sport by team teacher/coach at least one week before the event. This timeframe could change depending on the event. For example, Country Week teams (competition that is over a week and may involve extensive travel) will need to submit teams much earlier in comparison to a one-day Lightning Carnival or regional event. Upon receiving team lists, the Coordinator of Sport will confirm student eligibility with Heads of Years before granting final approval.
- Once approved by the Heads of Years, final team lists will be published and circulated to all teaching staff via email. Successful students will also receive a letter of confirmation, along with a parent/guardian acknowledgement form for information and approval.
- If there are queries about the selection process and/or criteria, please contact the Coordinator of Sports immediately.

Representative Tops

The following representative teams will be eligible to purchase a representative top at the discretion of the Coordinator of Sport. Student names will be forwarded on to the uniform shop and students notified of their eligibility to purchase this top.

- All Athletics, Swimming and Cross-Country representation
 - Mercy/Marist Cricket Carnival
 - Mercy/Marist Netball Carnival
 - Mercy/Marist Basketball Carnival
 - Our Lady of Mercy College Rowing Program
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- Students who have been selected to represent the College in a particular team for three (3) years.
 - Teams who achieve a high level of success at a state level i.e. High Schools Cup state netball champions.
 - Country Week – A specific Country Week Representative shirt will be made available as part of the costs of this event. (To be confirmed)

Where a student believes he/she is eligible for a representative top but one is not placed on the list, the onus is on the student to contact the Coordinator of Sports.

