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Sports Academy Participation Policy



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Rationale

The Bentley Park College Sports Academy encompasses a number of sports, with the key programs being Rugby League, Netball and Football Academies and the Sports Excellence Program. It is essential Sports Academy students follow the procedures outlined in the **Sports Academy Participation Policy** to be selected in and maintain a place in one or more programs.

Representing the College in the Sports Academy is a privilege students must earn through their ability, effort and attitude. Students are expected to represent the College with pride, uphold high standards of fair play, be aware of and follow safety guidelines at all times, and demonstrate behaviours outlined in the College's [Representative Eligibility Policy](#) (REP).

The College is committed to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), which has a focus on improving student standards and performance by rewarding positive behaviours. REP is the criteria for identifying these positive behaviours.

Purpose

To clearly articulate behaviour standards required to be part of the Bentley Park College Sports Academy, and outline inherent risks involved in contact sports and gym usage and the consequences of non-compliance.

Operation of the Policy

In addition to following REP, students in the Sports Academy at Bentley Park College and their parents/carers may be required to read and sign several consent and agreement forms. These include:

- the [State School Consent Form](#) for media consent (optional)
- the [Sports Academy Consent and Agreement](#)
- the [Student Participation in Contact Sport Consent and Agreement](#), including agreement to wear a mouthguard (for selected sports)
- the [Student Use of Gym Equipment Consent and Agreement](#)

State School Consent Form

Signing these contracts/agreements acknowledges students and parents/carers have read and both them and the **Sports Academy Participation Policy**, and that students will abide by them and parents/carers agree to enforce them.

While representing the College in sport, students may be photographed or filmed for promotional purposes, for example, to share news of a sporting success on social media and in the College eNewsletter, and/or for training purposes. Parent/carer consent is required for staff to be able to film or photograph students, and this is provided by parents/carers by completing a [State School Consent Form](#).

Giving this consent is voluntary and optional or may be limited. There will not be any negative repercussions for not completing the State School Consent Form or for giving limited consent. All students will continue to receive their education regardless of whether consent is given or not.

Sports Academy Consent and Agreement

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REP outlines minimum expectations for attendance, behaviour and finance for students and parents/carers, which are:

- **Attendance:** 90% actual attendance; less than 10% unacceptable or unexplained reasons for lateness to school.
- **Behaviour:** Over the previous four weeks, students must adhere to the BPC behaviour expectations; consistently display a high standard of behaviour in class, in the school grounds, on excursions and in the community; no incidents resulting in a red or yellow behaviour monitoring card or suspension; no incidents of truancy; Year 11/12 only, submit final copies of assessment pieces on time and attend all scheduled exam/s and catch-up block/s.
- **Finance:** Student Resource Scheme (SRS) deposit paid - \$75 per student; active payment plan/Centrepay deduction in place for all owed outstanding fees.

Consequences for non-compliance with REP:

- Students may be withdrawn from games or program of events for a period of time.
- Students may be removed from the Sports Academy.
- Students may be issued with other consequences in accordance with the Responsible Behaviour plan for Students.

Students and their parent/carer must complete the [Sports Academy Consent and Agreement](#), acknowledging they have read and understood information regarding the Sports Academy, including REP.

EXAMPLE AGREEMENT:

Student Participation in the Sports Academy Consent and Agreement: I agree to acknowledge and accept that I will:

- represent the College with pride and uphold high standards of fair play
- be aware of and follow safety guidelines at all times
- demonstrate behaviours outlined in the Bentley Park College Representative Eligibility Policy (REP) to be selected in the Sports Academy and maintain my place.

Student name and form class: _____
Student signature and date: _____

Parent/carer consent :

- I give consent for my student to participate in the Bentley Park College Sports Academy.
- I will encourage my student to represent the College with pride and uphold high standards of fair play
- I will be aware of and encourage my student to follow safety guidelines at all times
- I understand my student must demonstrate behaviours outlined in the Bentley Park College Representative Eligibility Policy (REP) to be selected in the Sports Academy and maintain their place and will support them to do so.

Parent/carer name: _____
Parent/carer signature and date: _____

***This Agreement remains active while the student is enrolled at Bentley Park College or until superseded.**

Student Participation in Contact Sport Consent and Agreement

Schools must obtain parent/carer consent before students may participate in contact sports. Students must also wear a mouthguard when participating in contact sports. Students and parents/carers are required to sign the [Student Participation in Contact Sport Consent and Agreement](#), acknowledging they have read and understood information following regarding contact sport and the use of mouthguards, and that the student will abide by these regulations. This form must be signed before a student may participate in contact sport at Bentley Park College.

The Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) guidelines specify students are required to wear mouthguards when participating in all contact sports, such as Rugby League, Australian Football, Rugby Union, Hockey, Waterpolo and Handball (European/team). The Department strongly recommends that students wear custom-fitted mouthguards.

Parents/carers are requested to refer to the Australian Dental Association website in order to make an informed choice about the different types of available mouthguards.

EXAMPLE AGREEMENT:

Student Participation in Contact Sport Consent and Agreement: - I agree to acknowledge and accept that:

- mouth protection is mandatory in contact sport, such as Rugby League, and I will wear a
- mouthguard when playing. It is strongly recommended that students wear custom-fitted mouthguards.

Student name and form class: _____

Student signature and date: _____

Parent/carer consent :

- I give consent for my student to participate in contact sport at Bentley Park College.
- I understand that mouth protection is mandatory in contact sport.
- I have read the information provided to me about mouth protection and accept responsibility for the type of mouth protection my child will wear whilst playing this sport.

Parent/carer name: _____

Parent/carer signature and date: _____

***This Agreement remains active while the student is enrolled at Bentley Park College or until superseded.**

Only students who have returned a signed form can play contact sport at Bentley Park College, and are required to wear a mouthguard whenever playing contact sport.

Student Use of Gym Equipment Consent and Agreement

Students in selected Health and Physical Education (HPE) classes, such as Rugby League and Senior FIT, have the opportunity to access Bentley Park College's gym equipment in the Senior Stadium during some lessons and before school. The gym will be staffed by HPE staff and students will be taught lifting technique, gym etiquette and safety. Students must wear closed-in shoes and have a towel with them while using the equipment. Showers are also available in the Stadium for student use.

To be permitted to use the equipment, students and their parent/carer must complete the [Student Use of Gym Equipment Consent and Agreement](#). This acknowledges the assumption of risk by the student, and provides written consent from the parent/carer.

EXAMPLE AGREEMENT:

Student Use of Gym Equipment Consent and Agreement - I agree to acknowledge and accept that:

- injuries can occur in fitness programs
- it is in my best interest to consult a doctor before engaging in any physical training to ensure my health is adequate for using the gym facilities
- when I am using the gym facilities I will observe and abide by all rules and signs on the gym walls and stated by my teacher
- it is my responsibility to warm up and stretch before using the equipment
- I will not purposely engage in activities that may put myself and others at risk
- if I do not observe safety guidelines, I realise I am at risk of injury, and further consequences will apply
- if I deliberately misuse equipment it will result in my immediate removal and I will lose the rights to use the gym facilities
- I will receive a clearance from a doctor and pass on their letter to my teacher if I am on any medication or have any health concerns, and will update this throughout my studies
- I will take ownership of the gym and look after it as if it was my own
- I will wear closed-in shoes and bring a towel to every gym session.

Student name and form class: _____

Student signature and date: _____

Parent/carer consent: I give permission for my student to attend the Bentley Park College gym for weight training during their allocated time and acknowledge and accept the points above.

Parent/carer name: _____

Parent/carer signature and date: _____

***This Agreement remains active while the student is enrolled at Bentley Park College or until superseded.**

Only students who have returned a signed form can access the gym equipment in the Bentley Park College Senior Stadium.

Documentation

- [Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [State School Consent Form](#)
- [Sports Academy Consent and Agreement](#)
- [Student Participation in Contact Sport Consent and Agreement](#)
- [Student Use of Gym Equipment Consent and Agreement](#)
- [Representative Eligibility Policy](#)