28 January 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Written Permission for Participation in School Sports and Associated Transport

Throughout the school year, parents/guardians receive many different letters from the school that often require reading, signing and returning to the school to allow their child to participate in aspects of the School Sports Program. The consent form is specific to transport to and from a number of off campus venues, used for the conduct of sports activities.

In an effort to reduce the amount of paperwork and processing time and any inconvenience to Parent/Guardians we are reviewing our processes of signed consent for 2015. We would prefer you sign a letter of permission allowing your son/daughter to participate in the range of sporting activities conducted throughout the year, during the cause of a normal school day. This will include the majority of activities conducted as part of the Health & Physical Education curriculum; Carnivals associated with Swimming, Cross-Country, Track & Field and the majority of activities conducted as part of the regular Wednesday afternoon School Sports Program.

For all these activities, you are asked to sign a “once-off” form that will give permission for the participation of your child in sports activities for the year and transport to same. You will still be informed as to which activities your child is involved in and for many activities there will be parent/guardian discussion before student choice. The purpose of this new approach is to significantly reduce the number of forms that your son/daughter bring home for signing. There will still be full and regular communication with you as to the schedule and nature of activities being conducted.

Activities that involve contact sport (such as a number of the Football codes), plus activities with an assigned ‘High Risk’ Rating (from Education Queensland) and also any participation by your child in tournaments that involve overnight accommodation and/or significant involvement in out of school time, will still require specific and signed permission forms.

In the majority of circumstances for the School Sports Program, transport is by either chartered or self drive bus. Venues include other high schools, community and Council sports grounds and stadiums, swimming pools, and athletics tracks. In some cases, maxi-taxis will be required rather than a bus. For venues close to school (for example, Mallawwa Drive Sports Complex and Schuster’s Park) students will occasionally walk (under teacher supervision) to and from the venues.

Please complete the attached form and return it to school ASAP. Every student is required to return this signed form irrespective of their planned involvement in the School Sports Program for 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to this correspondence please contact either Tony Rapallo on (07) 5568 4382 or Sharon Jones on (07) 5568 4383.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Jones
Director of Sport

Tony Rapallo
Head of Department

Cameron Hodges
Principal
2015 - SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TRANSPORT CONSENT CONFIRMATION

1. I have read the "Written Permission for Participation in School Sport and Associated Transport" letter in regards to the participation of my child in the School Sports Program during the normal school hours of operation and transport of them during this time to off-campus venues.

2. I understand I have an on-going opportunity to ask questions relating to any activity or excursion involving my child.

3. I accept that it is my responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to my child's circumstances which could impact on his/her well-being, or capacity to participate in any aspects of the School Sports Program.

4. I hereby give permission for the involvement of my son/daughter in the School Sports Program held during the normal school hours of operation. This includes the Health & Physical Education curricula, Sports Carnivals, beginning with the junior secondary swimming orientation day, whole school swimming carnival and Wednesday afternoon Inter & Intra School Sports activities.

5. I hereby give permission for the transport of my son/daughter to and from off-campus venues for the conduct of the School Sports Program. I understand the modes of transport may include bus, taxi, maxi-taxi, teacher driven vehicles or walking with teacher supervision.

6. I understand that separate Consent Forms and Medical Update Forms will be requested for activities designated as ‘High Risk’, for contact sports, and for camps and tournaments involving overnight accommodation and/or significant time outside of normal school hours of operation.

7. I understand I will be fully informed as to the schedule and nature of activities involved in the School Sports Program and the choices of activity open to my son/daughter.

8. I acknowledge that the Department of Education, Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance Cover for students.

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Student Name: ____________________________
Form Class: ____________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___/___/____

Please Print Name: ____________________________

Contact Phone numbers:

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