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**GUNNEDAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**(DRAFT)SCHOOL REPRESENTATION POLICY**

**Purpose:**

* At Gunnedah Public School we will provide a safe, positive and supportive environment in which the students can achieve their greatest educational potential.
* Gunnedah Public School aims to provide opportunities for students to represent the school and to maximise their learning outcomes.
* To provide a consistent approach across the school with regards to student representation in any activity.
* To reinforce the collective responsibility of all students to adhere to the Student Discipline Policy and Behaviour Expectations and uphold the good image of the school.
* All students have an equal entitlement to a quality education including the pursuit of excellence in learning and teaching through the equitable provision of representative programs.

**Date Implemented:**

September 2016

**Expectations:**

* Representing Gunnedah Public School is a privilege which involves certain responsibilities. Students who represent our school are expected to uphold the good image of the school and abide by the school’s Student Discipline Policy and Behaviour Expectations.
* All students irrespective of their abilities and backgrounds should be catered for in an environment where they feel valued and appreciated and where there are high expectations for achievement.
* Students have opportunities to participate at school, zone, area, state and national levels in selected activities. They may represent as an individual or part of a team.
* **Selection for school representation will be based on merit.**
* The appropriate school or sports uniform must be worn when representing the school at sport.
* All students representing our school are to follow the equipment and safety requirements according to Department of Education (DoE) policy for their particular activity.
* Students, who repeatedly misbehave thereby contravening our school’s Student Discipline Policy and Behaviour Expectations, may be excluded from school/PSSA representative activities. The decision to make students ineligible to participate in these school activities will be made by the Principal, in consultation with the appropriate members of staff. Each student’s case will be dealt with on the basis of its circumstances and this will determine the length of time which a student is excluded from representing our school in any activity.
* Where small groups of students have to travel away from school, parents must be notified and give approval for such arrangements. There must be suitable arrangements for travel and supervision meeting DoE policy.
* Supervising teachers must ensure safety requirements, including the wearing of special equipment, mouthguards or apparel prescribed by the particular sport are enforced (please see the *Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity*). Teachers must also ensure that first aid and students’ medication are available.

**This Policy Complies With (DoE):**

This school is part of the state education system and is bound by the policy statements issued by the Department of Education and Communities, in particular those referred to on the “School Policies and Procedures” webpage.

**This policy should be read in conjunction with the following DoE (found on portal Homepage) and school (found in Policy folder in Teacher drive) policies:**

* *Gunnedah Public School Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.*
* *Gunnedah Public School Discipline Procedures.*
* *Gunnedah Public School Expectations.*
* *Gunnedah Public School Sport and Physical Activity Policy.*
* *Sport & Physical Activity Safety Policy for Schools.*
* [*Working*](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_welfare/safe_sport/PD20020012.shtml?level=) *With Children Check Policy.*
* *Occupational Health & Safety Policy.*
* *Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People, Revised Procedures(2000).*

**Date Of Review:**

September 2017