Wales Street Primary School

PHYSICAL EDUCATION POLICY

Policy No.1.17

Preamble
Wales Street Primary School believes that regular physical activity plays an important role in the growth and development of all children. In turn, this will encourage children to pursue an active lifestyle into adulthood.

Purpose
At Wales Street we aim to provide all children with the opportunity to:

- develop knowledge and skills that promote participation in physical activities and fitness.
- acquire skills necessary for effective performance in all facets of Physical Education.
- enjoy participating in individual, partner and team activities.
- be exposed to a range of skills, games and activities and that build on the individual’s strengths and weaknesses.

Guidelines for Implementation
When planning Physical Education activities, teachers will be guided by the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). Children’s individual differences in learning abilities, physical potential, social maturity and interest will be taken into account.

Children will be involved in a weekly Physical Education lesson with a specialist teacher covering the following:-

- gymnastics
- dance
- ball handling
- athletics
- Prep- Grade 2 Aquatic education
- Fundamental Motor Skills
- major and minor games

In addition to these skills, children should develop an understanding of team work, fair play rules, good sportsmanship and umpiring decisions. Children reflect on their learning via graphic organisers, peer and self assessment, goal setting and observation. They assess each other using a structured criteria and learn how to give constructive feedback. As a part of the Specialist Team, the Physical Education teacher will work with other Specialist Teachers to plan Units of Inquiry wherever relevant. In addition to the Physical Education specialist program, classroom teachers will provide extra Physical Education activities on a weekly basis.
Children in upper grades will participate in school and interschool sport. Children in Prep to grade 2 will be encouraged to participate in the Swimming program conducted annually. Other opportunities are also available for students to participate in extra curricula physical activities.

**Resources**
An annual projected budget will take into account student resources and professional development needs for the following years.

**Policy Evaluation**
This will be reviewed in 3 years after minor and major evaluations have been carried out.