

## Overview of Secondary Schools Sport

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The purpose of this letter is to give an overview of how sport operates in Year 9-13. In Year 9-13 sport operates differently to that in Year 7-8 and Primary. All Auckland Secondary Schools are governed by College Sport Auckland (CSA) and School Sport New Zealand (SSNZ).

These two bodies determine what, when, where, and who can enter events to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate in sport. With limited resources of fields, courts, facilities, CSA create a timetable of events that is fair and equal to all Auckland schools. Similarly, SSNZ manages Island and National events. You are able to access both CSA and SSNZ websites to view events, scores and placing's, but are unable to contact them directly.

### **Covid-19**

Please note, students and staff including coaches and managers who want to be involved with CSA and SSNZ sanctioned sporting competitions, are required to be fully vaccinated.

A series of major school events are held throughout the year.

- Pinehurst School Inter-house Sport - Competitions include Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming. These are inter-house events where House points are competed for which winners of each grade are awarded trophies at our Sport Prize Giving.
- College Sport Auckland – Zone and Regional events.
- School Sport New Zealand - Island and National Tournaments. Winter Tournament Week is held in the first week of September and events are held at various venues throughout the country.

**Note:** Individual and team sports need to meet qualifying criteria to enter Regional, Island and National events.

Any queries you may have should be directed to Pinehurst School's Sports Coordinator Cyndie Augustin [cyndie.augustin@pinehurst.school.nz](mailto:cyndie.augustin@pinehurst.school.nz) in the first instance.

CSA has over 48 sanctioned sports on offer. As a small school, we limit the number of sports that we offer to ensure we are not spread too thinly to compete well and ensure that we can fill our teams as well as provide adequate support.

In Year 9-13, we offer the following sports:

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| . Athletics  | . Hockey       | . Tennis        |
| . Badminton  | . Lacrosse     | . Touch Rugby   |
| . Basketball | . Netball      | . Volleyball    |
| . Football   | . Orienteering | . Weightlifting |
| . Golf       | . Table Tennis |                 |

Every sport, is supported by a College staff member through organising, managing, supporting or coaching a team.

Anything outside of these sports requires a dedicated parent to initiate and organise, including managing and obtaining a coach. Throughout the year we have offered a number of other individual sports that are parent/student initiated including equestrian, gymnsport, triathlon, trampolining, swimming and karate. Where we are unable to provide a sport or fulfil a team, from time to time, we are able to amalgamate with another school. For example, we have had rugby players join Rangitoto College and water polo players at Albany Junior High School.

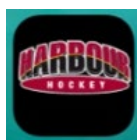
At times, particularly in Term 1, **we work on a very tight timetable** which means from advertising to entering teams there is a very quick turnaround of only two to three days. Therefore, it is important that students are pro-active in checking daily notices for sports advertised as well as being responsible in ensuring they attend meetings and promptly register their interest.

There are phone apps (apple and android) available for many sports so that you can quickly find draws, results, events, programmes and news including:

#### College Sport Auckland



#### Harbour Hockey



#### Netball North Harbour



Information and registrations are available on line through our Pinehurst School website <https://www.pinehurst.school.nz/co-curricular/sport-at-pinehurst/> for the majority of our sports offered.

Kind regards

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