Preamble/Rationale: At Craigieburn South Primary School we believe it is important to provide students with opportunities to participate in sports with emphasis on promoting enjoyment and active involvement.

Purpose: Sports participation promotes the qualities of good sportsmanship, supporting one another as a team, having fun, getting fit as well as improving skills. Students need to be given time to practice their skills in the sport or event they are participating in.

Implementation:

Interschool Sports
- Students, parents and teachers participating in Interschool Sports must respect our school code of conduct. Our school values must be adhered at all times.
- Students must display good sportsmanship at any sports game.
- Students in grade 5 and 6 have an opportunity to participate in sport teams, including Interschool Sports.
- Interschool Sports are broken up into Summer and Winter sports.
- Team Selection: Students have an opportunity to try out for individual sports. A team is selected by the team coach and will be given further training during the season.
- Priority will be given to grade 6 students to participate in Interschool Sports, then depending on the numbers places will be given to grade 5 students.
- On sports days students must come to school in their school uniform. They can get changed into their sport uniform before the game. Students are to change back into their school uniform immediately after the game. Appropriate runners need to be worn.
- Where a sports team does not have a specific uniform for that particular sport (eg. football) then the team must wear navy blue school shorts/pants and the white or blue school polo top as nominated by the coach.
- A season permission form stating all the away games needs to be signed and returned to school. Students who have not returned their permission forms are not to be taken to away games for interschool sports.
- Permission envelopes need to go to the coaches of each team and money sent to the office.
- First aid kits (bum bags) need to be taken to away venues and at home games by the coach of each team.
- Only those students in the Interschool Sport squad are to attend the games. Spectators may only attend games if supervised by the teacher in charge of them at the time.
- Students who have detention miss that week’s sport, and have their case reviewed to decide on the following week. Suspended students miss a term of interschool sport.
- No food or drinks are to be consumed on the school bus.
- Students not involved in Interschool Sports participate in Intra-school Sports which is organised by grade 5 and 6 teachers not in charge of an Interschool Sports team.
- Coaches need to assist their team with the preparation of the sports report for assembly.
- Teachers need to clarify the rules before the game if there are any doubts with the opposition teacher.
- Only the teachers should umpire games, students or parents should only umpire as a last resort.
- Parents attending Interschool Sports should be encouraging and their support must be of a positive quiet nature. They cannot give instruction from the side.
- Teachers should ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and games are safe and match the skill level of the students involved.
- The school bus can only be taken out or put away when the school grounds are free of students.

Other Events
- Generally students from grades 4 to 6 can participate in Athletics, Cross Country, Basketball tournaments, etc.
- Where students move on to higher levels then, when necessary, the school appreciates the support of parents to transport their child to and from the venue. Where this cannot be done then other arrangements are made. Communication with parents is important.
- Ministerial Order guidelines will be adhered to:

Ministerial Order 4.4.2.10 – Use of private motor vehicles

The use of private motor vehicles should be avoided whenever possible, although it is realised that there are occasions when a small number of students may need to be transported.

When a private vehicle is to be used to transport students, the parent/guardian of each student must be advised of the name of the driver(s) and requested to sign a consent form for their child to travel in a vehicle(s) driven by the named driver(s).

The Principal should verify that any vehicle used for the transport of students is currently registered and that the driver holds a valid driver’s licence. Any vehicle used must have a comprehensive insurance policy. Accurate records should be kept of students travelling in each vehicle.

All of the uniform and behaviour points stated in Interschool Sports apply for Other Events.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of our three year cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council Meeting in 2009
This policy will be reviewed in 2012