

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR POLICY

*Ratoath College actively encourages all students to participate in extra-curricular activities to promote students' holistic development in accordance with our mission statement.*

*Representing Ratoath College as a team, group or individual should be considered an honour and students are expected to display commitment, pride and dedication to their chosen activity and their school.*

### **General Principles**

- Full school rules apply at all times.
- A spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship should be encouraged.
- Students must enquire from their class teachers what work/tasks they have missed and arrange a submission date for this.
- Students are responsible for having appropriate gear/equipment, footwear and change of clothes.
- Students must wear full school uniform/tracksuit to all events unless instructed otherwise by the school.
- Parental involvement in training and coaching of teams is welcomed, subject to the approval of the school authorities.
- Parental support at events is also encouraged.
- The utmost respect must be shown to the necessary extra-curricular activities organisers and to the property of others when taking part in extra-curricular activities.

### **Health and Safety**

- All extra-curricular activities and clubs must be organised with the safety of participants as the major consideration.
- The school will endeavour to send at least two adults (preferably team mentors) to all events/fixtures/outings.
- In the event of a student requiring immediate medical attention, the accompanying teacher should seek appropriate help and remain with the student until contact and arrangements have been made with parents/guardians.
- Strict adherence to any safety and health precautions associated with a particular activity is necessary.

### **Withdrawal**

- Where a student has been absent due to extra-curricular activities and subsequently fails to complete tasks assigned during class(es) they have missed, they may be referred to their Moltóir. It is at the discretion of the Moltóir, in consultation with parents, as to the procedure that will follow.
- Where a student, through their actions while taking part in extra-curricular activities, brings the school into disrepute, they will be referred to their Moltóir. In such situations students may, alongside normal school sanctions, be withdrawn from extra-curricular activities at the discretion of the Moltóir.

### **Promotion of extra-curricular activity in school**

- The involvement of students in extra-curricular activities will enhance their holistic development. This is an opportunity for students of all levels to display their abilities in activities outside the curriculum
- Upon their entry, students will be made aware of all the extra-curricular activities available in the school and actively encouraged to participate.
- The staff of Ratoath College is committed to providing a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for students.
- These activities are available for all students to join.

### **Involvement**

- It is not the policy of the school to limit the number of extra-curricular activities students take part in, except in such cases as may be decided by Moltóirí in consultation with parents.
- Transition Year students who have not paid their fees may not be permitted to partake in events covered by these fees.
- Students who have not paid monies due to the school, may not participate in any trips or tours until such monies have been paid
- The school recommends that parents consider the potential impact on academic standards if students take part in a wide range of activities.

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