



# WEST PYMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## FRIDAY SPORT FOR YEARS 3-6

Dear Year 3 Parents,

This letter seeks to explain how and why the sporting arrangements in Years 3 to 6 operate.

All students in Years 3 to 6 participate in physical education lessons as part of their normal classroom operations, however, on a Friday, both stages come together for a session of physical education either on the oval at school or as a member of a PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association) interschool team. All sessions throughout the year are held on the Friday morning. Some teachers travel with the PSSA Teams (Modball and Cricket in Terms 1 and 4, Netball and Soccer in Terms 2 and 3) to local sporting grounds. At this stage, we are also considering the possible inclusion of other sports into the program. The rest of the teachers share the supervision of the remaining students.

In past years we have tried several options for providing challenging and exciting games that not only keep the students active for the whole physical education session, but also develop new skills and confidence. Unfortunately, the ratio of teachers to students created large groups that meant many students spent time waiting for turns. In K to 2 the teachers are fortunate to have assistance from many parent helpers to run their excellent Gross Motor Program. In Years 3 to 6 we have had less success in securing enough parent helpers so, several years ago, the decision was made to employ an outside agency to provide a sports program on a Friday for those students remaining at school. The teachers believe that the current format, utilising a combination of an external group and staff, provides the best educational outcomes for your child.

Presently, the program is run by Chris Williams and his team from CTS Sports who provide four instructors each session, this combined with the remaining teachers, allows us to have small groups playing almost constantly.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

**Bronwyn Wilson**  
Principal