

## **Information for Exemption from Attendance at School Accredited Elite Sports Program/Elite Arts Program Participation**

### **Accredited Elite Sports Program**

1. Accredited elite sports programs include national and international sports organisations who run camps for athletes and national sports squads that students have been selected to participate in.
2. They also include talent identification programs run by the New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation. Where programs run for more than 5 school days (1 week), applicants should be provided with an educational program under this section. See the requirements below.

### **Elite Arts Program Participation**

1. Elite Arts is defined as an opportunity for a student to participate in an event that is beyond the gifted and talented opportunities that exists within Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.
2. Where a Principal is unsure if a program meets the definition, they should contact the Director of System Performance

### **Educational Program**

1. An appropriate educational program must be provided by the student's school.
2. The Principal is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate educational program is provided for the student.
3. The educational program must be compatible with the program being undertaken at the student's school. It must be suitable for the age, maturity and ability of the student.

### **Periods of Instruction**

1. The student must be able to engage in sufficient hours to ensure that the requirements of teaching/learning programs are being met. In general, the student should engage with the educational program for an average of 2 hours instruction each school day.
2. The student will not undertake the educational program during weekends of school holidays.
3. Adequate meal and rest breaks should be undertaken by the student during the engagement with the educational program.

### **Places of Instruction**

1. A suitable area with adequate lighting, ventilation and space must be provided for the student while they are in engagements with the educational program.
2. Furnishings should be suitable for the purpose of undertaking the educational program.
3. This areas should be free from distraction.

### **Records**

1. Records of the student's educational progress and actual work must be provided to the student's school at regular intervals.

**A Certificate of Exemption may be cancelled at any time if any of these conditions are not being met**