

2021 Co-curricular Handbook



Choosing a Co-curricular Activity

1. Rationale

Hume Anglican Grammar offers a Co-curricular program to provide students with opportunities to further their learning and social skills.

Co-curricular activities may therefore be:

- curriculum-related (an extension of a particular learning area)
- have a focus upon service
- the environment and how we utilise our resources or
- the development of social or life skills

2. Purpose

The principal purpose of the various activities offered to students is to enrich learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Co-curricular activities complement our curriculum learning areas and also the School's Vision – 'we want to inspire in our students a love of learning, and through a rigorous and rounded educational experience, to provide them with the means to achieve a fulfilling life.'

Hume Anglican Grammar expects that students will attend each scheduled session for the Co-curricular activity that they have committed to and that the usual expectations regarding behaviour and demeanour are followed. Our school is committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of all children. Therefore, all staff, volunteers and contractors involved in offering an activity are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children. They must comply with the relevant school policies – for example Child Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct, Staff Professional Expectations Policy, Volunteer Policy.

3. Student involvement

Being involved in Co-curricular activities is a growing area at Hume Anglican Grammar and therefore all students (P–12) are encouraged to consider how they could participate in some aspect of school life outside the classroom during the year. Some students and/or parents might think that their schoolwork may be their priority and therefore this would preclude them from being involved in co-curricular activities, however, research shows that students who have a full life outside the classroom tend to perform better academically. The aim is to get the balance between classroom commitments and co-curricular correct for the individual.

The School is aware that some students are already very busily engaged in activities outside of the School and so our recommendation is that students ensure that they only participate in Co-curricular activities that will fit in with their overall weekly commitments. However, if a student commits to a term activity such as Garden Club, a musical ensemble or a sporting team, they have a responsibility to their fellow students and the staff concerned to fulfil that commitment for the length of the activity.

In order to assist students with their personal organisation, information about the timing and details of Co-curricular activities will be shared with students at the beginning of each semester. Updates will be published in School Bulletins, the eNewsletter and displayed in key locations around the School. These updates will include the venue for each activity and the initials of the Teacher-in-Charge (TiC).

Once a student has chosen their activity/activities, they must remember the following:

- a. Honour your commitment to the activity by attending on time and doing what is required.
- b. Never give up an activity without giving it a fair go.
- c. Any <u>commitment</u> to a <u>team</u> should be for the <u>full program</u>.
- d. Speak to the TiC if problems arise.
- e. Give the activity your best at all times; try to make it work.
- f. Have fun!

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Co-curricular Activities

Community Service Clubs & Societies Performing Arts Aged Care Project Italian Club Primary Performance Choir (Secondary) History Club Primary Singing Club Garden Club (Primary)* Primary Production Aim High (Secondary) Secondary School Garden Lego Club (Primary) - MR Primary Just Dance Club Lego Club(Primary) - DB Secondary Bands/Ensembles Sustainability Duke of Edinburgh Award Drawing and Animation Club Secondary Dance Groups **Community Crusaders** Years 7-9 Drama Club Folio Club Design & Repair Cafe Art and Craft Clubs (Primary) Drama Club Secondary Robotics Club Galway Arts Workshop Chess Club Secondary Production 2021 **Band Program Environment Group** Languagenut Primary DB • Drama Theatre Sports Debating Primary School Drama 12 Angry Jurors Art and Craft Clubs Year 7/8 Choir • Just Dance Club Primary MR Knitting Club LGBTQIA+ Support and Allies Group Miscellaneous Primary Sport Secondary Sport Chill Out Zone Advanced swimmers' squad* Girls' Basketball# Possible trainings associated Boys' Basketball# (Primary) Galway Debating with some of the Year 5/6 Girls' Volleyball# (Secondary) Friday morning Boys' Volleyball Duke of Edinburgh representative sporting Boys' Basketball (9-10) (Years 9-12) teams (TBA) Girls' Soccer Italian Study Tour 2021 Boys' Soccer Galway STEM Girls' AFL Maths Help Sessions Boys' AFL Girls' Cricket Aim High Sessions Galway Leadership Boys' Cricket Workshop Girls' Netball (7-8) Open House – Visual Following the Upper Primary and Girls' Netball# Arts, Media and VCD Secondary Swimming, Athletics and Swimming Squad Cross Country carnivals, selected St John's Exchange Sporting School Quiz students will be invited to participate Runnina Club Events Year 12 English Group in training in preparation for district, Sydney Arts Tour regional and potentially State Following the Secondary Swimming, Student Environment competitions Athletics and Cross Country Group carnivals, selected students will be Micro-aerial vehicle invited to participate in training in (MAV) Design Build Fly preparation for district, regional Yearbook Committee and potentially State competitions Creative Writing Group #Interstate sporting exchange sport

NB: Year 5 and 6 students will all have the opportunity to participate in the Year 5/6 sport program on Friday morning during most of Terms 1 and 2. Some students will represent the school locally in interschool competition, while other students will play sports at school during this time.

Secondary students will have the opportunity to nominate for selection in a range of sporting teams, that will compete in the School Sports Victoria 'knockout' competition.