Philosophical Basis:
Sport is an essential and vital part of the physical, social and emotional development of students. Involvement in the school sports’ program enhances the student’s self-esteem, confidence, worth and identity. Students benefit from regular participation in a variety of formal and organised sport activities.

Guidelines:
The Sport Program will:
- Provide a variety of sport activities at school and through the Interschool program.
- Promote a positive self-image through a balanced program that provides both co-operative social interaction and personal challenge.
- Create opportunities for each student to acquire and develop new skills and interests, achieve personal excellence and improve performance through competitive sports.
- Give students access to coaching and training in a wide variety of sports.

Implementation:
- The school will be affiliated with a district Primary School sporting association, Manningham Division, Eastern Region and School Sport Victoria (SSV).
- Participation will be in accordance with SSV direction.
- Activities for students in Years 3 and 4 will comprise minor games and modified major games.
- Activities for students in Years 5 and 6 will comprise major games and modified major games.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in team sports, and as many as possible will play against other local schools. Those students who are not taking part will be involved in modified major games and major games on an Intra-school basis.
- Students in Years 5 and 6 will be selected according to their abilities and potential.
- Students in Years 4-6 will have the opportunity to take part in annual athletics, cross country and swimming sports at an Intra-school and Interschool level.
- Individuals and teams taking part in Interschool sport will be involved in training sessions to enhance skills and allow them to be competitive.
- Students should be clothed in an appropriate uniform for the sport they are participating in.
- The sports policy and the sporting uniform will comply with the requirements of the SunSmart Policy.
- Students and teams that are successful at a district level will be encouraged to proceed to division, region and state competitions.
- Students showing a talent in a particular sport will be nominated for state team selection.
- Parents are encouraged to attend appropriate sports events to support and encourage the students.
- All participants and spectators at school sports events are expected to display exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
- Students participating in state competitions or achieving state selection in a team or individual event will receive a school award acknowledging their achievements.
- Foundation students participate in a Perceptual Motor Program, students in Year 1 participate in Fundamental Motor Skills and students in Year 2 participate in Year 2 Sport. These programs introduce and develop the skills used in a wide variety of both team and individual sports.

Evaluation:
- Student performances, skill levels and improvement will be observed.
- Student enthusiasm will be monitored.
- This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.