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Dear Community and Parents

I wish to bring to your attention the expectations we have for our students and our community when attending and participating in inter-school events, particularly sporting events, representing James Erskine Public School.

It's important to remember that our teachers are not professional coaches or referees. Most of them volunteer their time to take students to these events, even though they may not have experience playing the sport. Their dedication allows our students to step out of their comfort zones and gain valuable experiences throughout their schooling years.

The primary goal of these gala days is for as many children as possible within our network of schools to have the opportunity to participate in a sport they may otherwise play. These are not high-stakes competitions, but opportunities for students to enjoy themselves and engage in physical activity. These are fun days.

However, it is crucial that we all adhere to the same Code of Conduct that applies to external weekend sports. **Parents and community members must not approach, speak to, or argue with referees.** The referees at these events are volunteer teaching staff from schools within our network, many of whom do not play the game.

Regrettably, there have been incidents of poor behaviour from both students and members of our community at a few events over the past year. This has led me to decide that, for the remainder of the year, unless I am available to attend an external sporting event, our teams will not participate in such events. My primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and the staff of other schools in our network.

If you would like to discuss this decision with me personally, please call the office to make an appointment. I am more than happy to speak directly with parents.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind Regards

Ms Rose Kingi
Principal

NSW Department of Education



Everyone deserves to feel safe at school



Please treat our staff and students with kindness and respect



Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated



Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff



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