



# Woollooware High School

## Winter Sport Selection 2025

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will soon select a school sport for the Winter Sport season, running each Thursday afternoon from 20 March (Week 8A) through to August over a 20-week period.

Please look at the options **and discuss which option is most suitable for your child, considering location/cost/suitability.**

### ***TYPES OF SPORTS: GRADE v RECREATIONAL***

Students are offered either **Grade** sport or **Recreational** sport to attend on Thursdays.

**Grade sport** is an organised competition where Woollooware teams compete against other teams of *similar age & ability* from schools in the Port Hacking Zone to accrue points each round towards making the semi-final and grand final. These competitions are typically divided into year groups (Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 Seniors).

**Recreational Sports** are more informal, where an instructor or a teacher from WHS organise sport activities for the afternoon or students attend a dedicated venue.

Understandably, some sports are more popular than others. In the event that too many students choose a particular sport, preference may be given to students that are currently playing summer sport for a school grade sport team or part of a Zone team.

### ***HOW TO CHOOSE A SPORT***

Students will need to select their main preference and a backup second preference in case they do not receive their first choice.

Students will make their sport selection online via the Edval website. **Students will soon be emailed a link** to Edval along with a unique login code to enter their preferences for sport. Students can adjust their choice until the **closing date of 3pm Thursday 27 February.**

After the closing date, the sports organiser will allocate students to a sport. Students will be informed of their choice and it will also appear on their Sentral school timetable in the week prior to Winter Sport commencing.

*Strive for  
Excellence*

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## ***RULES FOR THURSDAY SCHOOL SPORT***

For your information, the following rules apply to Thursday Sport:

- All students must wear **full WHS sport uniform** and appropriate footwear throughout the school day. Non-school hoodies, jumpers or other clothing is not permitted.
- Students must supply, bring with them to school, and wear any **mandatory safety gear during sport** as appropriate. Sun protection is always encouraged for outdoor sports.
- **Bikes cannot be ridden or taken to or from sport** (except Surfing). Students must walk back to school from their sport venue to collect their bike to ride home from school.
- It is **not possible for changes** to be made to sport rolls after sports are allocated, due to student numbers committed to grade sport teams against other schools and to the venues of recreational sports. Selections should be made carefully.
- **Students who misbehave at sport** are subject to the regular school disciplinary policies and procedures. Consequences may include recess or lunch time reflections, attending a 90-minute reflection in lieu of sport, or being withdrawn from their preferred sport group entirely. Persistent misbehaviour may result in the involvement of Head Teachers, the Deputy Principal, and a parental interview.
- Students are subject to the [School Representation Policy](#) to be eligible to leave school grounds to represent the school in all forms of sport.

## ***DISMISSAL FROM SPORT***

Students can make their own way home from sport (rather than returning to school) if parents grant 'Permission to be dismissed from the sport venue' via the Sentral Parent Portal, which will become available at a later date, allowing teacher supervision to cease once sport has finished at the venue, no earlier than 2.10pm.

Otherwise, students must return to school with their teacher to be dismissed at 2.30pm. If there are any problems accessing the Sentral Parent Portal, please contact the front office for assistance.

## ***NON-ATTENDANCE AT THURSDAY SPORT***

**Sport participation is a mandatory requirement** of the school curriculum mandated by the Department of Education. Students must attain a minimum number of hours of sport across Years 7 to 10. As such, parents/students should avoid appointments on Thursday.

- Any **early leaver requests for necessary medical appointments must be made *by 3pm Wednesday*** at the latest, in writing to the Deputy Principal. Early leavers for sport cannot be approved on a Thursday.
- While sport is compulsory, **if a student is injured and thus unable to participate in their regular sport**, a medical certificate/note must be provided to the front office for the student to temporarily attend non-sport supervision. **During this time students will work independently to complete schoolwork/revision, and be dismissed at 2.30pm.**
- Please note that students cannot choose to attend non-sport – it is strictly for injuries.

## SPORT PAYMENTS

Please take note that most sports involve a cost paid via invoice. The cost involved are listed with the sport options in the next section. There are no-cost and low-cost options available in all year groups.

The exact venues for grade sports are yet to be determined in most cases based on student numbers across all participating schools, making it difficult to say for certain upfront whether bus travel is required or not.

If students are required to **catch a bus to their sport, parents will be invoiced one payment of \$170 (equivalent to \$10 per week)** via the front office for 17 weeks of return bus travel (most students remain at school the first 2 weeks and the grand final week).

An invoice from the school office **will be issued by the end of Term 1**. Ongoing partial payments are permitted throughout the season. However, families who have not made any contributions, or have unpaid fees from the previous summer sport season, may have their child withdrawn from a chosen sport until payments are made.

## NEW SPORT OPTIONS FOR 2025

Please note that Woollooware High School has moved the **Dance** and **Drama** extracurricular groups to Thursday sport time.

**Year 9 students in the Duke of Ed Award** program will be automatically enrolled in this sport group. Additionally, the introduction of a **Targeted Sport Program (TSP) for Surfing** sees students qualifying for this elite group automatically enrolled in the TSP Surfing group for sport.

## GRADE SPORT OPTIONS: WINTER

Sport	Venue and other information	Weekly Cost	Travel
<b>BASKETBALL – boys</b> <i>(Note: Girls are offered basketball in summer only)</i>	Sutherland Basketball Stadium	\$5 court hire	Bus – Invoiced at \$10 per week
<b>NETBALL – girls</b> <i>(Note: Boys are offered netball in summer only)</i>	Bellingara Courts, Miranda	Nil	Bus – Invoiced at \$10 per week
<b>OZTAG - boys/girls</b>	Various locations across the Shire	Nil	Bus – Invoiced at \$10 per week
<b>SOCCER - boys/girls</b>	Various locations across the Shire. Students must supply their own shin pads to play. Yr 10 girls use modified 7-a-side rules.	Nil	Bus – Invoiced at \$10 per week

## **RECREATIONAL SPORT OPTIONS: WINTER**

Sport	Venue and other information	Weekly Cost	Travel
<b>BEACH ACTIVITIES</b>	Wanda Beach or Don Lucas Reserve Rotating games organised by teachers.	Nil	Walk with teacher
<b>BOXERCISE</b>	Woolooware High School Hall Boxing and High intensity interval training.	\$5*	Remain at school
<b>DANCE</b>	Woolooware High School Dance Studio	\$5*	Remain at school
<b>DRAMA</b>	Woolooware High School Drama Room	\$5*	Remain at school
<b>FITNESS FIRST GYM</b>	Captain Cook Drive, Woolooware. <b>Existing Fitness First members only</b> aged 14+. Under-18s application forms for joining Fitness First available from Sports Organiser.	An active Fitness First membership	Walk with teacher
<b>FLIPOUT</b>	FlipOut Caringbah  Parent/carer must complete online safety waiver prior to participating. FlipOut socks also required costing \$3.50 from venue.	\$10*	Walk with teacher
<b>HORSE RIDING</b>	Kurnell Stables. Bring riding equipment. Max 10 students.	\$20*	Bus (\$10 weekly*)
<b>SKATEBOARDING/SCOOTERING</b>	Greenhills Skatepark. Bring own skateboard/scooter and helmet. Parent/carer waiver required.	Nil	Bus (\$10 weekly*)
<b>SQUASH</b>	DGen, Resolution Drive, Caringbah	\$5* (inc. equipment rental)	Walk with teacher
<b>TENNIS</b>	Tennis coaching. Fenton Av courts, Caringbah	\$10*	Walk with teacher
<b>WALKING FITNESS</b>	Woolooware and Cronulla suburbs	Nil	Walk with teacher

\*Invoiced to student statement of account upfront for the full 20-week sport season.

### **DUKE OF ED AWARD PARTICIPANTS**

**Year 9 students** who are **enrolled in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program** at Bronze level with the school will be participating in a special Duke of Ed sports group, in which students will be completing physical recreation, environmental experience, and skills building related to their Adventurous Journeys as part of Duke of Ed program. As such, Duke of Ed students are NOT required to choose a sport and will be automatically enrolled in this sport group.

Duke of Ed participants *NOT* in Year 9 will still need to choose a sport.