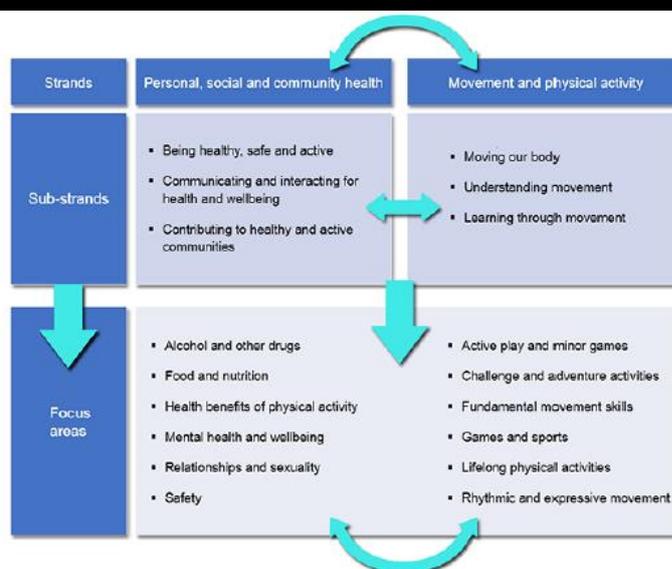


STRANDS

The curriculum is organised into two content strands — **Personal, social and community health** and **Movement and physical activity**. Each strand contains content descriptions which are organised under three sub-stands.

Figure 1: Relationship of curriculum elements



SUB-STRANDS

Being healthy, safe and active

The content focuses on supporting students to make decisions about their own health, safety and wellbeing. The content develops the knowledge, understanding and skills to support students to be resilient. It also enables them to access and understand health information and empowers them to make healthy, safe and active choices. In addition, the content explores personal identities and emotions, and the contextual factors that influence students' health, safety and wellbeing. Students also learn about the behavioural aspects related to regular physical activity and develop the dispositions required to be an active individual.

Communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing

The content develops knowledge, understanding and skills to enable students to critically engage with a range of health focus areas and issues. It also helps them apply new information to changing circumstances and environments that influence their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing.

Contributing to healthy and active communities

The content develops knowledge, understanding and skills to enable students to critically analyse contextual factors that influence the health and wellbeing of communities. The content supports students to selectively access information, products, services and environments to take action to promote the health and wellbeing of their communities.

Moving our body

The content lays the important early foundations of play and fundamental movement skills. It focuses on the acquisition and refinement of a broad range of movement skills. Students apply movement concepts and strategies to enhance performance and move with competence and confidence. Students develop skills and dispositions necessary for lifelong participation in physical activities.

Understanding movement

The content focuses on developing knowledge and understanding about how and why our body moves and what happens to our body when it moves. While participating in physical activities, students analyse and evaluate theories, techniques and strategies that can be used to understand and enhance the quality of movement and physical activity performance. They explore the place and meaning of physical activity, outdoor recreation and sport in their own lives, and across time and cultures.

Learning through movement

The content focuses on personal and social skills that can be developed through participation in movement and physical activities. These skills include communication, decision making, problem-solving, critical and creative thinking and cooperation. The skills can be developed as students work individually and in small groups or teams to perform movement tasks or solve movement challenges. Through movement experiences, students develop other important personal and social skills such as self-awareness, self-management, persisting with challenges and striving for enhanced performance. They also experience the varied roles within organised sport and recreation.

ICTs

There are a number of ICTs that students will be exposed to within Health and Physical Education. These include: Microsoft Office and Apple Applications, Heart Rate Monitors, Video Recorders and Programs, Blood Glucose Readers, Pedometers, Blood Pressure Monitors and the other multimedia applications used within certain units.

Assessment

Students will be assessed in both theory and practical classes within the following three areas:

Acquire

Theory – Identify, examine and compare information

Practical – Practise and demonstrate skills in drill situations

Apply

Theory – Explore, critique and explain information

Practical – Demonstrate skills in game situations

Participate

Theory – Working both individually and in group situations, taking part in class discussions and completing set tasks

Practical – Taking part in games, assisting with setting up and packing away, and playing within the rules and regulations of each particular activity/sport

YEAR 8 UNITS

Semester 1

PE555 – LEISURE ACTIVITIES

In this unit students will study the bones and muscles of the human body and identify the importance of developing each dimension of health, along with the benefits of fitness and the various aspects of training programs. By identifying and developing each of the fitness components, students will then endeavour to improve these specific health and skill-related components in order to lead a long and successful life. Students will participate in possible activities such as swimming and water games, gym sessions, ten-pin bowling, totem tennis and disc golf. These activities are often enjoyed by students and can be an excellent way of improving confidence and participation in physical activities.



PE562 – INDOOR GAMES



In this unit students will study the bones and muscles of the human body and identify the importance of developing each dimension of health, along with the benefits of fitness and the various aspects of training programs. By identifying and developing each of the fitness components, students will then endeavour to improve these specific health and skill-related components in order to lead a long and successful life. Students will participate in a variety of physical activities based indoors. These activities may include sports such as basketball, volleyball, European Handball, street hockey, as well as modified games such as indoor softball, war ball and dodge ball.

*PE597 – EXCELLENCE IN NETBALL (permission must be given to participate)

The aim of these units is to nurture the characteristics of students to create future elite sportspeople. This unit provides students with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills of a specific sport while learning the characteristics and attitudes required to compete at an elite level. Content covered will include studying the history of netball, rules and regulations, Level 0 Umpires Course, analysing plays/strategies and developing solutions to various game-related scenarios. Students will also study the bones and muscles of the human body and identify the importance of developing each dimension of health, along with the benefits of fitness and the various aspects of training programs. By identifying and developing each of the fitness components, students will then endeavour to improve these specific health and skill-related components in order to lead a long and successful life.



*PE598 – EXCELLENCE IN FUTSAL (permission must be given to participate)



The aim of these units is to nurture the characteristics of students to create future elite sportspeople. This unit provides students with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills of a specific sport while learning the characteristics and attitudes required to compete at an elite level. Content covered will include studying the history of futsal, rules and regulations, analysing tactics and strategies, and developing fitness and solutions to various game-related scenarios. Students will also study the bones and muscles of the human body and identify the importance of developing each dimension of health, along

with the benefits of fitness and the various aspects of training programs. By identifying and developing each of the fitness components, students will then endeavour to improve these specific health and skill-related components in order to lead a long and successful life.

*PE599 – EXCELLENCE IN RUGBY LEAGUE (permission must be given to participate)

The aim of these units is to nurture the characteristics of students to create future elite sportspeople. This unit provides students with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills of a specific sport while learning the characteristics and attitudes required to compete at an elite level. Content covered will include studying the history of rugby league, rules & regulations, analysing plays/strategies and developing solutions to various game-related scenarios. Students will also study the bones and muscles of the human body and identify the importance of developing each dimension of health, along with the benefits of fitness and the various aspects of training programs. By identifying and developing each of the fitness components, students will then endeavour to improve these specific health and skill-related components in order to lead a long and successful life.



YEAR 8 UNITS

Semester 2

PE552 – RACQUET SPORTS



Racquet Sports is designed to improve hitting skills, hand-eye coordination and fitness while competing in both **squash** and **table tennis**. Students will also explore dealing with adolescence, impacts on one's self-concept and self-esteem and developing a positive relationship between friends, family and the wider community. It suggests reasons why conflict might occur and develops strategies to deal effectively with it. Tobacco and alcohol use and abuse lead to two of the biggest preventable causes of death and students will study the effects and other associated topics associated with their use.

PE564 – SPORT-A-RAMA



Students will have the opportunity to choose and participate in a wide variety of sports such as touch, lacrosse, soccer, cricket and baseball. It will involve evaluating their own and others' performances in order to plan and implement ways of improving performance. Students will also explore dealing with adolescence, impacts on one's self-concept and self-esteem and developing a positive relationship between friends, family and the wider community. It suggests reasons why conflict might occur and develops strategies to deal effectively with it. Tobacco and alcohol use and abuse lead to two of the biggest preventable causes of death and students will study the effects and other associated topics associated with their use.

***PE594 – EXCELLENCE IN CRICKET (permission must be given to participate)**

The aim of these units is to nurture the characteristics of students to create future elite sportspeople. This unit provides students with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills of a specific sport while learning the characteristics and attitudes required to compete at an elite level. Content covered will include studying the rules & regulations of cricket and analysing technique. It also explores dealing with adolescence, impacts on one's self-concept and self-esteem and developing a positive relationship between friends, family and the wider community. It suggests reasons why conflict might occur and develops strategies to deal effectively with it. Tobacco and alcohol use and abuse lead to two of the biggest preventable causes of death and students will study the effects and other associated topics associated with their use.



***PE595 – EXCELLENCE IN BASKETBALL (permission must be given to participate)**



The aim of these units is to nurture the characteristics of students to create future elite sportspeople. This unit provides students with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills of a specific sport while learning the characteristics and attitudes required to compete at an elite level. Content covered will include studying the rules & regulations of basketball, Level 0 Referees Course, analysing plays/strategies and developing solutions to various game-related scenarios. It also explores dealing with adolescence, impacts on one's self-concept and self-esteem and developing a positive relationship between friends, family and the wider community. It suggests reasons why conflict might occur and develops strategies to deal effectively with it. Tobacco and alcohol use and abuse lead to two of the biggest preventable causes of death and students will study the effects and other associated topics associated with their use.

***PE596 – EXCELLENCE IN TOUCH FOOTBALL (permission must be given to participate)**

The aim of these units is to nurture the characteristics of students to create future elite sportspeople. This unit provides students with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and skills of a specific sport while learning the characteristics and attitudes required to compete at an elite level. Content covered will include studying the rules & regulations of touch football, analysing plays/strategies and developing solutions to various game-related scenarios. It also explores dealing with adolescence, impacts on one's self-concept and self-esteem and developing a positive relationship between friends, family and the wider community. It suggests reasons why conflict might occur and develops strategies to deal effectively with it. Tobacco and alcohol use and abuse lead to two of the biggest preventable causes of death and students will study the effects and other associated topics associated with their use.

