

Review of the Structure of School Sport in Victoria

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: December 2009

School Sport Victoria begins

School Sport Victoria will come into existence on January 1 2010 after the historic agreement of the VSSSA and VPSSA at their recent Annual General Meetings.

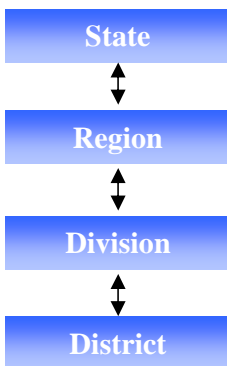
Both associations have agreed to merge adopting a common structure and terminology to support the delivery of school sport. The Executive Committees of both associations will join together as one Board in 2010 to steer the transition process. This will mean that in schools the school sport program remains the same for 2010; however in 2011 a new structure and model for delivery will be in place.

Significant opportunities will now become available to increase participation and support for school sport. The new structure is aligned with the DEECD regional and network structure to take advantage of the accountability framework. In addition this will increase the visibility of school sport with school leadership teams becoming aware of the contribution that school sport offers to students' school experience and academic achievements.

The Ministers Statement *Improving School Sport and Physical Education in Your School* and letter that was recently sent to all principals, outlines the Ministers support for these programs. These important documents should be discussed at school council meetings and in school leadership teams. Copies of the documents can be accessed on line at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/teachingresources/health/default.htm>

The structure of local school groupings for school sport for 2011 will be determined by end of April in 2010 to allow for planning. The agreed structure will see a shift to a common structure across P-12 of:



All members of VPSSA and VSSSA will be involved in the process to realign into these groupings through their local school sport districts and zones, as well as the DEECD Networks. For some schools there will be little change whereas others may seek significant change for quality reasons.

In addition, there will be the possibility for non-government secondary schools to join School Sport Victoria under specified conditions as an associate member with full participatory rights. Application for membership will be made in the first instance to the local secondary schools in the relevant school sport division. This process will be outlined in early 2010.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to this work. Your support is crucial to the success of School Sport Victoria.

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