Review of the Structure of School Sport in Victoria

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The Victorian Government believes that every Victorian child deserves the best possible start in life. School sport provides many opportunities for learners to develop their physical, social and emotional skills. These skills, nurtured in school sport, also help to develop learners’ appreciation of values and the importance of parents, schools and communities working together in local partnerships.

The 2008 Review of the Structure of School Sport in Victoria acknowledged the significant contribution of individuals, community and government agencies that combine to promote and support school sport in Victoria.

The Review recommendations are strongly supported by the Victorian Primary Schools’ Sports Association (VPSSA), the Victorian Secondary Schools’ Sports Association (VSSSA) and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The first step in moving forward to implement the Review Recommendations has been the allocation of resources to support the appointment of a project team.

Recruitment commenced in December 2008 and has resulted in the appointment of Project Director, Liz Stafford, and Project Officer, David Shaw. Liz and David bring different skills to this work that will enhance outcomes for Implementation.

Liz has previously worked as a Physical Education teacher; however her substantive work has been with a wide variety of industry bodies and education management at state and national levels within the vocational education and training system. Liz’s interest in School Sport has always remained keen given her various interests as a parent and coach.

The focus of initial work is to obtain the agreement of key stakeholders to a project plan that addresses the Report’s recommendations. This plan will incorporate consultation with stakeholders in Reference Groups, existing committees and focus groups. When the Project plan is agreed, an overview of plan will be made available on this website.

Liz and David are based at the School Sport Unit at Coburg and will work collaboratively with stakeholders to build a strong, flexible, diverse and sustainable Victorian School Sport model. Over the coming months, the work will be outlined on this page and contributions sought from all key stakeholders. Liz and David can be contacted on the details below and look forward to working with you.

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