### Information for Exemption from Attendance at School

**For Accredited Elite Sports Programs**

Where the exemption period requested exceeds 100 school days in a 12-month period, Parts A and B are to be forwarded to the investigating officer nominated by the Catholic Education Office who will make a recommendation to NSW CEC.

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## INFORMATION

### ACCREDITED ELITE SPORTS PROGRAMS

1. Accredited elite sports programs include national and international sports organisations who run camps for athletes and national sports squads that students have been selected to participate in.

2. They also include talent identification programs run by the New South Wales Department of Sport and Recreation. Where programs run for more than 5 school days (1 week), applicants should be provided with an educational program under this section. See the requirements below.

### ELITE ARTS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

1. Elite Arts is defined as an opportunity for a student to participate in an event or program that is beyond the gifted and talented opportunities that DEC offers.

2. Where a principal is unsure if a program meets the definition they should contact The Arts Unit.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

1. An appropriate educational program must be provided by the student’s school.

2. The principal is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate educational program is provided for the student.

3. The educational program must be compatible with the program being undertaken at the student’s school. It must be suitable for the age, maturity and ability of the student.

### PERIODS OF INSTRUCTION

1. The student must be able to engage in sufficient hours to ensure that the requirements of the teaching/learning program are being met. In general, the student should engage with the educational program for an average of 2 hours instruction each school day.

2. The student will not undertake the educational program during weekends or school holidays.

3. Adequate meal and rest breaks should be undertaken by the student during their engagement with the educational program.

### PLACES OF INSTRUCTION

1. A suitable area with adequate lighting, ventilation and space must be provided for the student while they are engagement with the educational program.

2. Furnishings should be suitable for the purpose of undertaking the educational program.

3. This area should be free from distraction.

### RECORDS

1. Records of the student’s educational progress and actual work must be provided to the student’s school at regular intervals.

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A Certificate of Exemption may be cancelled at any time if any of these conditions are not being met.