



## Student Participation in College Events and Programs Policy

### Purpose

North Lakes State College is committed to maintaining high expectations for all students and ensuring that participation in enhanced opportunities reflects the College values of Courage, Choice and Respect.

**This policy does not apply to curriculum excursions or activities that form part of the Australian Curriculum, Vocational Education & Training (VET), Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) requirements.**

This policy establishes clear and consistent eligibility criteria for student participation in selected College events and programs, including co-curricular activities, signature programs, year-level celebration events and international tours.

The policy aims to:

- promote high levels of student engagement in learning and positive behaviour
- recognise and reward consistent effort, attendance and achievement
- ensure fairness, safety and accountability in determining student participation
- foster a culture where participation in enhanced opportunities reflects a student's demonstrated commitment to learning and the College values.

Participation in College events and programs is a privilege that reflects a student's ongoing commitment to meeting College expectations. It is not an automatic entitlement.

### General Eligibility Requirements

*(Applies to all categories unless otherwise specified.)*

To be eligible to participate in College events or programs, students are expected to meet the following baseline requirements:

- **Attendance:** A minimum at-school attendance rate of **90%** during the relevant semester (Years 7–12 only), with no unexplained absences.
- **Financial Standing:** All school fees, levies and event-related costs must be paid in full, or an approved payment plan must be in place and adhered to.
- **Behaviour:** No Student Disciplinary Absences (SDAs) during the relevant semester unless, following review, the College determines that the circumstances and subsequent improvement warrant continued eligibility. Students must also demonstrate no ongoing pattern of significant behavioural concerns recorded in OneSchool.
- **Behaviour and Effort:** Achievement of C or higher behaviour and effort ratings in the most recent report card across all subjects.
- **Completion of Consequences:** All behaviour-related consequences, including detentions, must be completed.
- **Uniform:** Consistent compliance with the College Uniform Policy, with no unresolved uniform concerns.



- **Punctuality:** Regular punctual attendance to all scheduled classes, demonstrating readiness to learn.

Failure to meet one or more of these requirements may result in a review of a student's eligibility to participate in College events or programs.

The College acknowledges that individual circumstances may vary. Eligibility decisions will consider the nature, frequency and severity of any concerns, together with evidence of sustained improvement and the student's overall engagement.

## **Eligibility by Category**

### **Year-Level Celebration Events**

*(e.g. Year 12 Formal, year-level celebrations, dances and similar milestone events).*

These events acknowledge significant milestones and celebrate students' participation in College life.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- No additional eligibility criteria apply beyond the General Eligibility Requirements.

### **Signature Programs**

*(e.g. Inspire Academy, specialist excellence programs)*

These programs provide opportunities for students who consistently demonstrate high levels of commitment, achievement and engagement.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- Compliance with the relevant Signature Program Student Code of Conduct.
- Continued demonstration of the standards and expectations associated with the program.

Ongoing participation:

Students' continued enrolment in a Signature Program is contingent upon maintaining the required standards of behaviour, engagement and performance.

## **Student Leadership Program**

Student leadership programs provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate leadership capabilities through service, advocacy, collaboration and positive role modelling within the College community.

This program recognises students who consistently uphold the College values of Courage, Choice and Respect and who demonstrate a commitment to positively contributing to the culture of the College.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to the College values and expectations.
- Consistent demonstration of positive behaviour, personal responsibility and respectful relationships.



- Participation in any required application, nomination, interview or endorsement process.
- Continued fulfilment of the responsibilities and expectations associated with the leadership role.
- Compliance with the Student Leadership Code of Conduct.

Ongoing participation:

Continued participation in a student leadership position is contingent upon students maintaining the required standards of conduct, attendance, engagement and performance. Failure to uphold these expectations may result in the position being reviewed by the relevant member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## **International Tours**

*(e.g. overseas study tours, cultural immersion programs and international excursions.)*

Participation in international experiences requires students to demonstrate a high level of responsibility, maturity and independence.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- A current passport and any required visas.
- Compliance with all General Eligibility Requirements across the full academic year, rather than the most recent semester.
- Participation in the College's International Ambassador Program, where applicable.
- Successful completion of any interview, application or endorsement process required for selection.
- Satisfaction of any additional requirements specific to the individual tour.

## **Student Support and Recognition Programs**

*(e.g. success pathways and reward-based learning opportunities.)*

These programs are designed to support students' learning, recognise achievement and encourage continued engagement.

Additional eligibility criteria:

- No additional eligibility criteria apply unless specified for an individual program.

## **Review and Decision-Making**

Eligibility decisions will be made by delegated College leaders and may include consideration of:

- student attendance records
- behaviour and engagement data
- consultation with relevant teaching and support staff
- individual circumstances and evidence of improvement
- the principles of procedural fairness.

Where a student is determined to be ineligible to participate in a College event or program, the College will communicate the decision to the student and their parent/carer, outlining the reasons for the decision and, where appropriate, the steps required to restore future eligibility.