

Information on Exemptions from Attendance at School for Participation in Accredited Elite Sports or Elite Arts Programs

ACCREDITED ELITE PROGRAMS

Accredited elite programs include state, national and international arts/sports organisations which run camps and national sports squads that students have been selected to participate in. 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.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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

- As per DEC info sheet: 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.
- The student will not undertake the educational program during weekends or school holidays.
- Adequate meal and rest breaks should be undertaken by the student during their engagement with the educational program.

PLACES OF INSTRUCTION

- A suitable study area with adequate lighting, ventilation and space must be provided for the student.
- Furnishings should be suitable for the purpose of undertaking the educational program.
- This area should be free from distractions during periods of study.

RECORDS CHANGE AS PER DEC INFO SHEET

- All records of the student's pattern of study and actual work undertaken must be provided to the student's school at regular intervals either by the student or the student's parent/caregiver.

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