

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE CULTURAL, SPORTS AND AWARDS

HS PARTICIPATION POLICY

Stakeholders:

This policy applies to all High School pupils of Thomas More College and the staff who monitor this policy and process.

Thomas More College:

Thomas More College offers a balanced, inspired education to its pupils and wants them to enjoy and benefit from many of the experiences and opportunities on offer at TMC.

Aims and Objectives:

- To encourage greater participation in what TMC has to offer beyond academics
- To build a sense of community and social conscientiousness
- To build and maintain a healthy body and lifestyle
- To develop the sense of “team” and collegiality
- To develop camaraderie among the pupils irrespective of difference
- To foster anti-discrimination and Ubuntu

Policy:

Given the innate importance of every child’s growth journey, the College has set out a *minimum expectation* for every Thomas More College student to facilitate their growth.

Every student is to participate in **one sporting or cultural activity per term.**

In the event of a clash between activities, a choice will have to be made.

Accurate registers will be kept by all the relevant managers and each student’s participation will be tracked by the registration teachers; Grade Heads and Sports Department on a termly basis.

80% of practices and matches need to be attended in order to get recognition on the end of term reports. Should a learner default twice, the loss of their Matric privileges will be considered.

Life Orientation requires each pupil, as part of the curriculum, to be actively involved in a physical activity. Therefore, pupils' physical activities will be tracked throughout the year within the extra mural program.

*Please note that permanent members of the Tech Crew are not expected to participate in another activity given the inordinate number of hours required throughout the year from these students.

TIER 1 ACTIVITIES	TIER 2 ACTIVITIES
Aquatics: Swimming	Community Orchestra
Aquatics: Water polo	Dale Carnegie Leadership Programme (Gr. 11 only)
Outdoor Hockey	Dance Sport
Indoor Hockey	X-Country
Soccer	President's Award
Major Production	Supper and Song
Marimba Band	Robotics (Social)
Major Production	Golf
Marimba Band	Kearsney Dance Festival
One-Act Plays	Mountain Biking
Retrobeats	Self-driven CSP projects
Vocal Tenacity	Sports Service: Water Polo scoring
Tech Crew*	Sports Service: Hockey Umpiring
Sports Service: First Aid	Chess
	Sports Climbing
	Robotics (Competitive)
	eSports
	Rugby
	Netball
	Cricket
	Debating
	Water Polo scoring
	Cricket scoring
	Hockey Umpiring

Procedures

Each child's participation is tracked and monitored

Responsibilities:

It is every students responsibility to participate in one sporting or cultural activity per term to ensure they are being active and giving back to TMC and the community. It is the responsibility of staff to monitor this.

Commitment:

Thomas More College wants every HS pupil to benefit from what is on offer in order to facilitate their growth.

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