KINROSS WOLAROI
SCHOOL
CRICKET CLUB
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**Background**

Cricket is a Summer Sport which is on offer to all students from Year 7 – 12. Cricket is a team sport that builds individual skills within the framework of a team setting.

Over a long period of time the school has developed the cricket facilities. There are two turf centre wickets and six turf training pitches. The Main Oval has a four wicket Centre Square and is a magnificent venue for cricket. There are also three synthetic wickets, two at PLC and one on Sally Kennett Oval. Adjacent to this oval are three practice nets. Within the School gymnasium there is also a four net indoor training facility and a bowling machine. In short, the school has wonderful facilities and that allow players to maximize their potential and foster a love for the game.

Cricket is played within in a competitive environment with the schools representative teams selected on teams selected on ability and commitment. In some junior grades where the school fields more than one team the school the MIC of Cricket in conjunction with the coaches may look at player’s abilities and balance teams in order to promote skills development of players of all abilities.
**History of Kinross Wolaroi School Cricket**

The Cricket program has grown as the school has undergone growth as the co–curricular program has expanded. Cricket is one of the major summer sports with the school fielding eight teams in the ODJCA competition and two teams in the ODCA Men’s competition. The junior teams are always highly competitive in these ODJCA Junior town based competitions. Players can then be selected from these teams to play representative cricket for Orange, Mitchell and Western Zone. In 2004 the school decided to begin fielding teams in the ODCA men’s cricket competition and the eventually the team won the second grade ODCA competition in 2006.

The next major milestone was to enter a school team in the First Grade Men’s competition. This occurred in 2008 and was a major step that has greatly assisted the continuing development of cricket within the school. The Men’s competition has served to support the inter school cricket program and Kinross Wolaroi has been recognised as the leading Country School Cricket team. Kinross Wolaroi School is part of the **NSW Country and City Schools Cricket Association for Independent Schools**. This association is part of the NSW Schoolboys Cricket Association and provides the representative pathway for players to be selected NSW Schoolboys. KWS has had four players play make this NSW Open School boys team in the recent past. Sandy Rogers in 2008, Angus Polhill in 2009, Christopher Tremain in 2010 and Jason Date in 2011 all made this team. Sandy and Christopher have gone on with their and are now playing professional cricket with Tasmania and NSW respectively. Other players have gained scholarships and support in their tertiary education as a result of their cricket.

NSW Country and City Schools Cricket Association also organises the Douglas Shield Open Schoolboys and Wiburd Shield Under 15 competitions for our cricketers. The Wiburd Shield began in in 2010 whilst the Douglas shield has run since 1991. Since the year 2000 KWS has won this knockout competition for 10 years out of the last twelve years and have not been beaten for in this completion in the last 5 years. In 2011 some 30 teams participated in this interschool competition.

**General Overview of Cricket at KWS**

Cricket is a team sport providing a challenging but rewarding opportunity. Students compete in a range of competitions. The game allows the development of individual skills within the context of team. The main qualities needed to be part of the cricket program are dedication, commitment and perseverance. Cricket is a demanding but rewarding sport. Students are expected to fully support the program and above all else offer their full support and encouragement to other students in the program by adhering to the expected standards. Cricket is played from Year 3 to year 12. Few girls elect to play cricket but the school will look to increasing access for girls to play cricket.
MIC of Cricket - Role

1. Overall responsibility for Cricket organisation and support for coaches as needed.

2. Working with appropriate staff for the overall supervision of the separate sectors of the Cricket program. External coaching staff need to be inducted into the program and complete working with children checks. They also must be issued with a KWS code of Conduct that must be read and signed off on.

3. Preparing regular reports for distribution to the Cricket community through the Family Bulletin and local media.

4. Conduct an annual review post-season for The Director of Sport.

5. Working with the KWS Cricket Club to support and to provide a plan of support for the cricket program. Attending Cricket Club meetings and providing a report for each meeting.

6. Ensuring that appropriate records are kept and ensuring cricket coaches fulfil student reporting and tower reporting obligations.

7. Attend all ODJCA and ODCA Meetings Committee meetings and represent the school at Country and City Schools Meetings.

8. Ensuring good and effective communication with all school staff, parents and students with regard to all aspects of the Cricket program, including the distribution of competition draws, team selections and training programmes.

9. Maintaining proper levels of student conduct, and where necessary, with the support of the Director of Sport, dealing with any disciplinary matters.

10. Responsibility for ensuring staff are provided with opportunities to enhance coach development and coaching skills.

11. To liaise with groundstaff in the preparation of grounds for competition games and for training. This involves coordinating covers and planning out the season and use of the wickets over the school holiday period.

12. The development of a long term plan for managing the school wickets.
The KWS Cricket Club-Parent Support Group

There is a strong and active parent support group that has always been very supportive of the cricket program at KWS. In 2012 it was decided to formalise this group in order to provide more support for the boys who play school cricket at KWS. The KWS Cricket Club is modelled on other Parent Support groups that currently operate in the school. These include the Rugby Club, The Rowing Club, the Football Club and the Friends of Music. The KWS Cricket Club would follow the procedures currently operating through the

There are many areas in which parents can assist the students and coaching staff including the following: Scoring and umpiring at matches, assisting in coaching, assisting the local Cricket Associations who work to foster the growth of Cricket in the local area, catering at matches, setting up of tents at cricket venues, assisting staff with grounds and the use of covers, general administration and support of the club, assisting with fundraising for equipment. The club would also provide specific support for specific age groups through the appointment of age group coordinators.

Management decisions about Cricket staffing, team selections, competition participation would always be the domain of the School and the parent group would focus energies on supporting these arrangements.

The KWS Cricket Club will have constitution in place to govern its operational structure and management.

The KWS Cricket Club seeks to build on the relationships between parents, students and staff which are essential for the ongoing success of the Cricket program. It is vitally important that parents involved within the parent group show respect to the staff, students and other parents within the program. Positive support for all matters within the club is vital.

In the future it is planned to investigate a KWS Old Boys team that will play in the local Men’s competition. Links to the school will need to be carefully thought through prior to this step occurring

Coaching and methods of training

The number of coaches will be determined annually by the MIC and Director of Sport, and be based on the availability of coaches and the number of students in the program. External coaches will be used to assist the development of the cricket program. It has also been policy to have player coaches appointed to the 1ST X1 and 2ND X1. This has allowed our student teams competing in the ODCA Men’s competition to better manage the challenge of men’s cricket.

The school also undertakes to provide training for cricket coaching staff to develop their skills to further assist students in the program fulfil their potential. External expertise will
be used to assist coaches achieve cricket coaching qualifications. All coaches need to have knowledge of the NSW My Cricket registration and scoring online sysytm. The school will look to provide training in this module to assist coaches and scorers assist in this process.

Team selection will be done by the appointed coach in consultation with the Master in Charge of Cricket. The Captain of Cricket will be appointed following a voting process by senior players and coaching staff. The appointment would be ratified by The MIC of Cricket, the Sports-master and The Principal of the School. Players seeking this important position would need to submit an application to the Master in Charge of Cricket. This application would necessarily involve a confidential comment by the current 1ST XI coaching staff. The applicant would need to have two referees.

**Student Code of Conduct**

1. Students must show respect to each other at all times. They must respect opposition teams and always be ambassadors for Kinross Wolaroi School.

2. Students must wear the school approved and KWS badged cricket whites. The school has a 20/20 uniform for opens playing in night matches. Players usually supply their own helmets and protective equipment although all teams have cricket kits with basic gear. Sun protection is a priority and all players need to wear hats.

3. The uniform must be kept looking smart and tidy. School blazers are worn over traditional school whites when major interschool matches are held.

4. When selected for away trips, all cricketers must travel with their team. This is an important ingredient to building teamwork and maintaining positive team relationships. The highest standards of behavior are expected of students at all times.

5. Students must show respect to all adults – including coaches, supervising staff, parents and umpires. Only the captain should discuss on field issues with the umpire.

6. The aim is for everyone to enjoy their involvement in this great program and support each other. Teamwork is the life skill we wish to emphasize.