Wycheproof P- 12 College
GYM POLICY

Rationale:
Students benefit enormously from regular exercise and should be encouraged to exercise regularly. Children are more likely to engage in regular exercise if they see their peers, families and wider community members engaging in, and valuing the need for, regular exercise. The Wycheproof Sporting Complex Gym is a venue that encourages and enables students and staff (and the wider community) to develop positive exercise habits.

Guiding Principles:
- Employers should be proactive in promoting health and safety in the workplace.
- Employees are entitled – and should be encouraged – to be represented in relation to health and safety issues.
- Appropriate Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) and risk management policies are essential components of sound organisational governance.
- The Management Committee of the Wycheproof Sporting Complex Gym will be comprised of the same members as the Wycheproof P-12 College OH&S Committee (a sub-committee of Consultative Committee members). This school will oversee maintenance of the gym and its equipment. Any injuries and near misses and the circumstances involved (if a staff member or student are impacted) are to be recorded on EDUSAFE. The committee can alter the rules of membership at any given time at their discretion.
- Use of the Wycheproof Sporting Complex Gym is guided by DE risk management documentation and OH&S guidelines and processes.
- As the Wycheproof Sporting Complex is also a community building, the complex is not supervised out of school hours. As such, anyone who accesses this building during these hours, does so at their own risk.

Implementation:
- **All users of the gym must be gym members** (except for secondary students using the gym under teacher supervision in PE classes). Sporting Clubs and their members must also abide by all terms of this policy.
- All members are to sign a **user's agreement**, **gymnasium waiver** and **informed consent form**.
- A general public membership entitles gym members to a key to access the gym facility. Gym membership requires payment of money (currently set at $120 per year for an individual). A key deposit is to be paid (currently set at $50 CASH ONLY). A replacement key fee of $50 will be required for any lost keys.
- Students, staff and School Council members are not required to pay gym membership.
- Ex-college students (who are in full-time study) can register to be a gym member for $20 per year.
- Gym membership should be renewed by the start of March every year.
- **The General Public are not permitted to use the gym during operational school hours (8.00am to 3.30pm).**
- **The gym will be CLOSED (even on a weekend) along with the entire school on any LGA CATASTROPHIC rating fire days.**
- All gym members are to sign in and out of the gym at all times. This includes students and staff who use the gym during school hours, and the general public using the gym out of school hours.
- In the absence of constant supervision, this gym is to be monitored at random times during the day by Wycheproof P-12 College staff members.
- STUDENTS: Gym equipment should only be used by secondary students in PE classes. Primary students are not to use gym equipment. Minimum age for student gym membership is set at Year 10. Rare exceptions to this rule may be made by the school principal. Student gym users (in Year 10 and above) will be inducted on gym usage and equipment with PE classes and by Wycheproof P-12 College staff members.
- All gym users are to comply with the gym rules. If guidelines and procedures are not followed – individuals will be barred from gym usage.
- There may be times when the gymnasium is closed (such as for maintenance and repairs). The school will endeavour to inform all gym members via email as soon as possible. The gym will be closed for usage every year on PRESENTATION NIGHT and primary school sleepover.
- Any communication with gym members will be via email.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle: **October 2029**

Basis of Discretion:
At all times, DE Guidelines, the needs of the students and the school community will be considered in the implementation of the Gym Policy.

This policy was last ratified by School Council: 14th OCTOBER 2026