**HIGHFIELDS STATE SCHOOL Year 3 Cross Country and Year 3 Fun Run Participation Policy:**

*Nine year old students in year 3, who complete cross country training and qualify to run in the 9 year old 2000m cross country event, will run in the* ***cross country event only and not in the year 3 Fun Run event as well.***

**Rationale:**

The year 3 students who run in the 2000m cross country events have the opportunity to compete for 1st to 4th ribbons in their cross country event.

If these students were to compete in the Year 3 Fun Run event as well, it would be most likely that they would fill the 1st to 4th places and have a second chance to receive 1st to 4th ribbons.

The year 3 fun run is a competitive event for the rest of the year 3 cohort to have the opportunity to compete in a shorter (870m) race and win 1st to 4th ribbons.

All year 3 students will participate in the Colour Explosion Obstacle Course.

If the year 3 cross country runners were to participate in all three events, it may also be very exhausting for these students.(depending on weather conditions, etc)

While Year 4/5/6 students do participate in all three events, there are no ribbons for the year 4/5/6 Fun Run event and it is not a competitive event. Year 4/5/6 students are also older and have a longer break between their events.