



# Dural Public School

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## Zone, Area and State Sport Trials

Before any selections are made to represent Dural Public School at Beecroft Zone, Sydney North or New South Wales this year we felt the need to clear up any confusion regarding the selection processes for these sports. To avoid any confusion, disappointment and frustration by yourself and your child in the school selection process or the subsequent trial selection processes, below is a guide on how these selections typically operate.

### Beecroft Zone and Sydney North Area Sport Trial general information:

- There are 21 schools in Beecroft Zone.
- There are 12 Zones within Sydney North.
- Sydney North Trials are, typically held close to the convenor's school. A very large percentage of Sydney North Trials have been held in the central coast over the last few years.

**The convenors (teachers who are selecting the team) are typically interested in students who:**

- **Firstly, REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS.**
- **Secondly**, players who possess a **VERY HIGH** level of skill and understanding in that sport.
- Convenors typically do not want average or above average players to trial.

Each school in the zone is asked to send a maximum of 2-3 players of elite sporting ability. That could mean that 50+ students are trying out for approx. 12 positions on a Zone or Area team.

These trials are for sport's Gifted and Talented athletes, they are not designed to be a "have a go and see how you go" or "fun day". They have one focus: to pick the best players to represent the Zone, Area or State.

Some sports require a combined Zone trial. This means an extra selection in the process, for example, 2 Zones select a team each and from that one team is selected. So you may be selected in the Beecroft Zone Team but not selected in the Combined Zone team.

Teachers from Dural Public School will not be present at the trial unless one of them is convening the sport or assisting in the selection process. As a parent or caregiver, you need to organise transport for your child to and from the venue (this is the biggest bugbear in the whole process and typically stops most students from trialling). Also every student must provide their own playing equipment. For Example, at the Zone Cricket Trials everyone must bring a brand new cricket ball.

To ensure we always send the most willing and talented students we have created a Sport Trial Note that will be given to all interested students to assist in the school selection process. This note details the student's representative experience, club, years of experience, transport etc.

Once Mr Field receives this completed form, he will liaise with the teacher/s that coaches this sport in the school. Then select the best player/s and forward their names to the convenor. Your child, if selected, will then receive a Zone/Area Trial Permission note which **MUST** be signed by Mr Field and Ms Stone. It is your child's responsibility to get this signed. This note has to be taken to the trial and given to the convenor.

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