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PSA Code of Conduct expectations

Dear PSA Community,

As we welcome spectators back to a number of the larger carnivals on the PSA calendar, I would like to draw your attention to the code of conduct for spectators and competitors.

Some key points to note;

- Competitors should exhibit the highest levels of sportsmanship and respect for their opponents and teammates at all times.
- School spectators should engage only in cheering that encourages and supports their own school/team or alternatively recognises outstanding performance, resilience or sportsmanship.
- Artificial noise makers and musical instruments, such as drums, loud hailers and speakers, are not permitted.
- Any engagement with other school's spectators is to be deterred and I seek your support in communicating this message within your school communities.

The practise of school cheer squads and associated supporters engaging in demeaning and stereotyped commentary targeted and directed towards other schools does not align with the values of any association member school. This aspect of carnivals distracts from many acts of sportsmanship and outstanding performances which occur in competition.

By engaging student leaders and senior staff in the conversation around behaviour, we can successfully redirect the energy of the school supporters towards positive actions on carnival days.

I am very much looking forward to the 2023 PSA sporting year and wish all competing schools the very best for the season ahead.

Kind regards,

Dean Dell'Oro
Headmaster, Hale School
Chair of the PSA 2023

