## **5 WAYS**

## to reduce **overuse** and **burnout injuries** at Dunstan High School



## 1

Avoid sport specialisation by participating in a variety of sports throughout the year.

## 2

Total hours spent in organised sport and exercise should not exceed the athlete's age (maximum of 16 hours) e.g. 13 years old = 13hrs,

17 y/o = 16hrs, 20 y/o=16 hrs.



School athletes should have at least 3 months off every calendar year from their #1 sport and training to allow for physical and psychological recovery.



School athletes should have at least 1-2 days off each week to decrease risk of injuries. 5

Excessive training and competition loads can lead to overuse injury and overtraining syndrome.



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