

ETHOS OF INTER-SCHOOL SURF GALA DAY

The Inter-school Surf Gala Day was established in 2012 with Scarborough and Deanmore Primary Schools, to celebrate a coming together of schools, to enjoy the freedom of surfing, in a non-competitive way.



Gala by definition is festive and celebration and this is what sets the scene for the Inter-school Surf Gala Day. The ethos embraced is to create camaraderie with other schools in the local area, in essence a sense of community. This is achieved through the promotion of values such as good sportsmanship, respect, courage, inclusiveness, peace, fun kindness and humility. Our vision is that these values are not only acknowledged and displayed on Gala day but they are adopted in everyday life.

In acknowledging these values we wish to dedicate this annual event to the Maslin family. In celebration we would like to honor Mo, Evie and Otis, we want to honor them, not only on this yearly event, but throughout our day to day lives, carrying out the values that they displayed and still characterise them in spirit.

To recognise our ethos, a surfing sculpture will rotate around the schools on a yearly basis, as a memento signifying the event.

Also rotating amongst the schools will be an engraved 'message stick'. Traditionally, a message stick was used by aboriginal people to communicate announcements, invitations, warnings, etc between tribes. It is through this engraved message stick that we want to communicate within our schooling community our adopted values inspired by the Maslin mob. The students will be able to take it home for a duration of time, to personally, and as a family, reflect on this event and what it really celebrates.

It is with these values we embrace the Inter-school Surf Gala Day, a day of celebration all of us can participate in and be proud of.



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