

DIRT Preview: Year 9 HPE – Movement with Meaning!

"This term will be all about movement with meaning — learning how fair play, teamwork and leadership can shape not just our games, but our character."

■ DOING

This term, our Year 9 HPE students will be diving into an action-packed unit focused on participation, collaboration, leadership and fair play. They will explore how teamwork and ethical behaviour connect to being active and engaged members of their communities. Throughout the term, students will design creative campaigns to encourage physical activity among peers, families and local groups — showing how movement promotes belonging, wellbeing and joy. They will also learn what it means to be an effective team player and leader — demonstrating how to support others, make fair decisions and persist when faced with challenges.

■ IMPACT

We're expecting to see plenty of positive impact both in class and beyond! Students will grow in confidence as they step into leadership roles and discover that true leadership in sport isn't about being the loudest — it's about encouragement, fairness, and perseverance. Through collaboration and reflection, our young leaders will develop the skills to build trust, promote respect and unite their teams around shared goals. Their physical-activity promotions will inspire others to get moving and remind us all that being active is great for both body and community spirit.

■ REFLECTION

As students reflect on their learning, they will recognise that fair play extends far beyond following the rules. It's about integrity, inclusion and respect — values that make every game and group experience richer. They will explore how organisations and officials ensure fairness and equality in sport, connecting classroom learning to real-world examples of ethical play and community responsibility.

■ THINKING AHEAD

By the end of the term, our Year 9s will be ready to apply their learning beyond the HPE classroom. They will consider how they can model leadership and fairness in daily life — whether on the field,

in the classroom or in their community. As they prepare for senior HPE studies, they will carry forward strong foundations in leadership, ethics, teamwork and community connection — key skills for thriving in sport, school and life.

■ Charters Towers School of Distance Education

Empowering students to connect, collaborate and grow — wherever they are.

— Vicki Jacobs and the HPE Team