

## **Risk Warning**

(Under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)

On Behalf of IGSA and participating IGSA Members' Schools listed below:

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| Abbotsleigh            | MLC School             | Santa Sabina College     |
| Ascham School          | Monte Sant' Angelo     | SCEGGS Darlinghurst      |
| Brigidine College      | Mount St Benedict      | Stella Maris College     |
| Canberra Girls Grammar | NEGS                   | St Catherine's School    |
| Danebank School        | OLMC Parramatta        | St Scholastica's College |
| Frensham               | PLC Armidale           | St Patrick's College     |
| Kambala                | PLC Sydney             | St Vincent's College     |
| Kincoppal-Rose Bay     | Pymble Ladies' College | Tangara School           |
| Loreto Kirribilli      | Queenwood              | Tara                     |
| Loreto Normanhurst     | Ravenswood             | Wenona                   |
| Meriden School         | Roseville College      |                          |

### **Gymnastics Carnival 2022**

The Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW trading as Independent Girls' Schools Association (**IGSA**) and its members' schools organises many individual and team sporting activities during the course of a year. Some of these are organised with IGSA Sport, a sub-committee of the Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW (AHIGS), now trading as IGSA. Students participating in these sporting activities take part in practice and in competitions.

IGSA and its members' schools expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

IGSA and its members' schools also expect parents, spectators and other participants to behave in a safe and responsible manner, to comply with the IGSA Sport Code of Conduct and to set a good example for the girls.

While IGSA and its members' schools take measures to make the gymnastics carnival as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events. Parents, spectators and officials could also be injured or suffer loss.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching the gymnastics carnival, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure.

In particular, injury at gymnastics carnivals may result from slipping and falling, collisions with equipment and / or other participants or being inadequately trained and / or prepared for the event.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

It is the responsibility of IGSA members' schools to ensure that all staff and volunteers undertaking duties at any IGSA Sport event have the required "Working with Children" clearance.

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