

# ORIENTEERING IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## » Do you need to have a qualified Orienteering coach deliver the program?

**No.** Both the Primary and Secondary School programs (and their Delivery Package resources) have been designed to allow teachers who have never engaged with Orienteering to effectively deliver the program. Teachers new to the sport will be provided with a Delivery Guide and access to a short on-line or face to face training session (delivered by an accredited Orienteering coach from their State or Territory Orienteering Association) to ensure they are comfortable using the resources.

Alternatively, the program can be delivered by qualified Orienteering Australia coaches, which Sporting Schools funding can be used to pay for, or by coach supported, teacher-led programs.

## » Does the program need to be delivered off-site (e.g. in the bush)?

**No.** Both the Primary and Secondary School programs have been designed to be delivered on school grounds. However, some schools may request for the program to be delivered off-site. In such cases, non-teacher Program facilitators MUST be Orienteering Australia accredited coaches (Level 1 or above) and must follow all school and department of education policies regarding such activities.

## » What are the minimum resource and equipment requirements to deliver the Program?

- A school Orienteering map – contact your [State or Territory Orienteering Association](#) to arrange for a map specific to your school to be developed. This can take 1-2 weeks, depending on the availability of the mapper.  
*Note: Once developed, the school map can used over and over again.*
- A teacher with access to the Program Delivery Guide and who has accessed the short on-line or face to face training provided by their State or Territory Orienteering Association, or a qualified Orienteering Australia coach to deliver the Program.
- Equipment – this can either be purchased by the school using Sporting Schools Program funding, or brought to the school by the coach (if the Program is being coach delivered).

## » What does the program cost?

Various packages are available, the costs for which vary, depending on things such as:

- Does your school already have a school orienteering map, or does one need to be developed? *Note: A school Orienteering map is required for the program to be delivered.*
- Does your school want a coach delivered or teacher delivered program?
- Does your school want to purchase Orienteering equipment?
- Do you want the program to be delivered over 4 sessions (as recommended), or would you like more sessions delivered?
- How many classes does your school want to participate in the program?

Program costs can vary from approximately \$430 for a teacher delivered + equipment package, to over \$1,000 for a coach delivered, school map + equipment package. *Note: Opportunities for cost efficiencies exist, e.g. If a program is delivered to at least 3 classes in a row on any one day.*

Please refer to the *Program Delivery Package Matrix* in the relevant Orienteering Sporting Schools Curriculum document and/or Delivery Guide. **Remember: Your school can apply for Sporting School funding to pay for the delivery of the program.**

## » What equipment is needed and what does it cost?

If your school organises for a coach to deliver the program, they will bring all necessary equipment with them (i.e. if your school does not have this equipment).

If your school is planning to facilitate a teacher delivered program, you will need to purchase / access a range of equipment. Both the Primary and Secondary School programs can be delivered with very simple, school made equipment (i.e. maps, control markers, punches, control cards, stop watch, etc.), however, it is **strongly recommended** that facilitators have a professional school map produced (one-off cost of approximately \$450) and use commercially available resources (one-off cost of approximately \$330, including GST).

*Note: Contact your [State or Territory Orienteering Association](#) for more information about equipment you may need and the best way to access this.*

## » What is the appropriate package for my school?

There are a range of available packages, including teacher delivered and coach delivered packages, packages with and without maps / equipment and others. Contact your [State or Territory Orienteering Association](#) for more information about the best package for your school.

It is recommended that teachers who are interested in delivering Orienteering Programs, but do not have an Orienteering background, access the short on-line or face to face training session, delivered by an accredited Orienteering coach from their State or Territory Orienteering Association.

## » How many sessions are included in the Program?

Both Primary and Secondary programs are designed to be delivered over 4 sessions (between 40 and 70mins each, depending on school needs). However, the Delivery Guides, which are provided for FREE to coaches and teachers who deliver the program, include many activities which allow for the delivery of additional sessions.

## » What if it rains?

Some of the activities are designed for (or may be adapted for) delivery indoors / undercover (e.g. covered outdoor learning areas, indoor sports halls, etc.).

## » How long does it take to organise to have the Program delivered?

If your school already has a school Orienteering map and the Program is being delivered by a coach, the Program can generally be organised very quickly.

If your school does not have a school Orienteering map, this can take 1-2 weeks, depending on the availability of the mapper.

If the Program is being delivered by a teacher who is new to Orienteering, we recommend the teacher schedule an orientation / professional development session (either online or face to face) with your [State or Territory Orienteering Association](#) a week or two before the Program is to be delivered. This will ensure the teacher is familiar with the activities and ready to deliver the Program.

## » How will I link students who are keen to continue their involvement in Orienteering after the program with a local Orienteering club?

If your school's program is being delivered by an Orienteering coach, they will provide information about the closest club to all students on the last session.

If your program is being delivered by a teacher, contact your [State or Territory Orienteering Association](#) for information about your nearest club.



## » How much funding can my school apply for in a term and how do I go about this?

All Sporting School grant amounts are exclusive of GST.

### Primary School Grants

School Population	Base Funding
1-150	\$500
151-300	\$700
301-800	\$900
800+	\$1,100

<b>Special circumstances</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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Participants per term	Incentive Funding
10-30	\$500
31-60	\$800
61-120	\$1,200
121-200	\$1,500
201-300	\$1,800
301+	\$2,000

### Secondary School Grants (Years 7 and 8 ONLY)

Participants per term	Funding
10-30	\$1,000
31-60	\$1,750
61+	\$2,500

To apply for Sporting Schools Funding to have the Orienteering in Schools Program delivered at your school, visit:

[www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding#primary\\_school\\_grant](http://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding#primary_school_grant)

[www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding#secondary\\_school\\_grant](http://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding#secondary_school_grant)