

## Spirit Taekwondo belt nomination and testing procedure

With testing an essential part of martial arts training, the question of how or why a student of Spirit Taekwondo is chosen or nominated for belt testing is often asked.

The criteria by which Spirit nominate a student is broad but is based solely on the student, their attributes and potential. As an example some students are nominated because they excel at their level and are ready for the next step. Others because they need the challenge to motivate them to dig a little deeper, and discover those qualities that lay just beneath the surface.

"Spirit is not a Car factory" and your kids are not cars

If we were to nominate students based solely on days or time spent on the Dojang floor (Training hall) it would not be a true representation of their ability and or future potential. The stance that simply because an individual has spent a specific amount of time practising something should result in a particular standard is proven not to work, not at school, college or the working environment.

As every student learns and advances at their own rate, the scale of development and progression is unique to the individual. Therefore it is essential that for the betterment of our students and the preservation of our art, that all students MUST be individually evaluated and selected.

This is achieved through the correct use of the Spirit Taekwondo training syllabus 'Student edition', which can be located online at spirittaekwondo.com.au.

This procedure requires more patience from the student, instructor and guardians.

We more than understand how this process can be frustrating, however it is the only way that we can ensure you, or your child the best opportunity to reach their full potential and become the peaceful warrior they can be.

Spirit Taekwondo is constantly developing and innovating systems and resources to stream line this process, however if you have any questions regarding the grading or nomination process we are always happy to speak to you.

In martial Spirit

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