



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS ACADEMY KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

For the first time in 2025, SJC is excited to offer Sports Academy placements to student-athletes in Year 8 and 9. The application process commences the year prior to entry.

*****Applications for entry into Year 8 and 9, 2025 are now open. Applications will close at 3.00pm on Friday 9 August, 2024*****

1. Selection Process

Each aspiring SJC Sports Academy member is asked to complete an online application. Please note that applicants will be required to log into a google account (all students have these) to complete the form.

As part of the application form, each student is asked to include:

- Current club/organisation information
- Representative experience
- Goals
- Weekly commitments
- A personal video
- 2024 teacher reference
- Coach reference
- Program Agreement, signed by student and parent/carer

If the student-athlete's application form is successful in passing the first stage, the applicant and their parents/guardians may be required to attend an interview with the St Joseph's College Sports Academy (SJCSA) Selection Committee, or one of its members. The interview will outline the final stages of the application process and may involve the aspiring student-athlete demonstrating their talents prior to being selected into the program.

The outcome of the student-athlete's application will be determined in a detailed letter addressed to the applicant. This letter will outline one of three results:

- confirmation of acceptance
- application added to waitlist register for second-round intake or future consideration
- application unsuccessful.

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All applicants on the waiting list will be analysed throughout the school year. Should a position within the program become available, the best candidate will be offered an opportunity.

2. Selection Criteria

Selection is based not only on existing performance, but potential for development in high-performance sport. Holistic aspects of the student are also considered, including classroom behaviour and academic performance and endeavour.

The following criteria are considered essential to be selected for the St Joseph's College Sports Academy:

Sporting Ability

Applicants must:

- be performing at a representative level in their chosen sport and/or demonstrate the potential to play at an elite level
- have a proven performance in the behaviour, attitude and work ethic aligned to the required sports performance
- pass a prescribed battery of fitness tests specific to age norms and code of sport
- have a desire to enhance personal and team performance at a representative level
- exhibit commitment to ongoing and further development.

Academic Endeavour:

Students must be consistently achieving satisfactory results in all subject areas.

Applicants must be performing at relevant AUSVELS standards (or above) across all subject areas (consolidating).

A review of school reports and NAPLAN is undertaken to determine if applicants meet the below criteria. (This criterion is used as a guideline and exceptional circumstances will be considered.)

- Achieving a satisfactory academic grade average with academic progress indicators at the upper end for their year level
- Displaying a high effort in academic endeavour (no comments or indicators showing poor or unsatisfactory academic effort)

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Behavioural indicators, listed below, that are marked as 'consistent or usually' annually:

- Organised for class/practice
- Works collaboratively with teammates, teachers and coaches
- Meets deadlines in all aspects of school life
- Seeks assistance and feedback from coaches (self-awareness)
- Strives for personal excellence
- Engages in learning on and off the sporting arena
- Behaves respectfully in each sphere of school life

Consistent school attendance levels underpin both behaviour indicators and our College values.

The SJCSA Selection Committee may also contact your child's previous/current school for more information if required.

Interpersonal Development (underpins behavioural indicators)

Student attitude to learning must be positive across all subjects.

Successful students must consistently demonstrate the College values.

Students must align and buy-in fully to the St Joseph's College Sports Academy behavioural indicators of ASPIRE.

- Accountability
- Selflessness
- Personal Best
- Integrity
- Resilience
- Excellence
- Teamwork

Commitment to the program

Once accepted, student-athletes have a commitment to reapply to the program annually for its entirety. To maintain the integrity of the Sports Academy, student-athletes must commit to the program every year. Only in exceptional circumstances will removal or exit be granted.

A student-athlete and their guardian are expected to read, agree, sign and abide by the SJCSA Agreement and the SJCAA Policy, attached as part of the selection criteria.



HOW TO APPLY and APPLICATION TIMELINE

SJCSA has a principle of gender equity for this academy for which we will endeavour to strive towards.

**** As part of a targeted focus on developing performance career pathways for para-athletes, with support from Paralympics Australia, SJC welcomes applications from students with a disability. ****

Step 1. COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION - Due prior to 3pm on 9 August, 2024

Before completing the online application, you will be required to have the following information on hand:

- General student details
- Parent or guardian contact details
- Sport details (club information, highest level of achievement and coach contact details)
- Training schedule
- Injuries
- Sports goals
- Academic goals
- Reference from a coach ([Pro forma attached](#))
- Reference from a teacher ([Pro forma attached](#))
- Video - 2 minute personal video
 - Introducing yourself
 - A personal hero
 - Why you are passionate about sport
 - Why you want to be a part of the SJC Sports Academy
 - What you are most proud of. This can relate to any aspect of your life.
- Signed Student-Athlete Agreement ([Attached](#))

Step 2. SELECTION FOR IN-PERSON INTERVIEW (if required) - August 2024

Student-athletes who are under consideration for selection may be invited to take part in a face-to-face meeting as part of the select-entry process.

If required, students will receive details regarding the face-to-face meeting (including date, time and location).

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Step 3. PHYSICAL TESTING (if required) - August 2024

Student-athletes who are under consideration for selection may be invited to take part in baseline physical testing as part of the talent identification and select-entry process. If required, students will receive details (including date, time and location) for their selection trials and physical testing.

Step 4. OFFERS MADE - Middle of Term 3

Successful applicants: Will be notified via email with an offer of a Sports Academy placement.

Waitlisted applicants: Will be notified via email, and offered a place on the waitlist. Feedback will also be provided to guide their development, and these students will be prioritised when places are available.

Unsuccessful applicants: Will be notified via email, and offered feedback regarding their ongoing development. An unsuccessful application does not preclude a student from reapplying in following years.