



Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **Co-curricular Sport and Recreation Fee Introduction 2019**

Sport at Mount Alvernia College is an integral part of our education package, as the benefits of youth sport are well documented through numerous studies. Our participation levels have been fantastic over the years, and the number of teams and students involved has showed continual growth.

This is great news as we value sport and understand how it can support and enrich the education of your daughter. To ensure that Mount Alvernia College can continue to support this growth we have conducted a review into how co-curricular Sport and Recreation is managed. This was completed to ensure we can continue developing sustainable models for the future that secure the opportunity to continue our sporting program.

There were many positives to come of this review, and we are confident that sport at both college and interschool level will continue to evolve and grow with the needs and changes that will occur. One of the most obvious issues was the funding model. The rising cost of sport and the increasing participation has meant that we will be introducing a Co-curricular Sport and Recreation cost in 2019. This cost has been set at \$65 per sport played. This amount will contribute towards coaching, transport, and competition costs of sport. We have streamlined the payment process for this, and look forward to continued support and growth over the coming years.



Below are some answers to common questions you may have about how sport will be rolled out in 2019.

### **How do we register for Co-curricular Sport and Recreation in 2019?**

Nominations for sport will continue to be located on the Moodle site and College App. All information about the sport will be found here. To register for sport, you will be re-directed to our payment page on the Mount Alvernia College website. To register, please select your sport and then fill out the details required. This is done prior to sport trials.

### **Will my daughter be guaranteed a team once I have paid?**

No. Our aim is to include as many students as possible in our teams; however, team numbers must be capped to ensure that we meet the rules of the sport as well as allow students adequate playing time. In the event that sign-up numbers don't allow us to place all students in a team, all money paid will be refunded in full. It is still a requirement to attend the grading trial, or provide notice of absence if you cannot attend, to be allocated a position in a team.



### **If my daughter withdraws from the team, do we get any refund?**

This will be looked at in a case by case basis. There will not be any refunds available after Round 4 is played.

### **Are there opportunities for sport that are free?**

In 2019 we will be looking to host Monday night sport here at the College. This will be a five-round competition on a Monday night during term time. We will shortly call for students ideas on sports they would like. The idea will be to remove any barriers from participating in this activity. Some ideas already have been Three-on-three Basketball, Volleyball, and Fast 5 Netball. Run Club, Friday Boot Camp, and Swim Fit will also continue at no cost to students.

### **Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics?**

Carnival sports are an important part of the culture of Mount Alvernia College and our interhouse competitions remain free. Students who are selected into our representative CaSSSA teams for Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics will also not be required to pay to attend these carnivals.

Yours sincerely

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