

ST FIDELIS SPORTS DAY 2024

The St Fidelis Annual Athletics/Sports Day for students from Foundation-Year 6 will be held on **Friday 22 November 2024** at Coburg Athletics Track. All students must wear the school's sports uniform (hats compulsory).

If possible, the students can wear coloured socks, or coloured ribbon in their hair, on their hats or on their t-shirts to distinguish the teams apart.

It is advisable that students wear sunscreen. Sunscreen can be in the colours of the teams.

HOUSE TEAMS

Some years ago, in consultation with Father Cartwright and the St Fidelis school staff, it was decided that the school's house teams would be given names that represent not only the values of our school, but the history of the St Fidelis Parish and our Catholic tradition.

Here are the names of our House Teams and a brief history of the connection between the St Fidelis Parish and the team names:

MacKillop (Blue)

MacKillop has been named after Mary MacKillop, who was also known as Saint Mary of the Cross and was an Australian Roman Catholic nun who helped to found the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australia focussing on education for the poor. She is the only Australian to be recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint.

Mannix (Green)

Mannix has been named after Archbishop Daniel Mannix (1864-1963). Archbishop Mannix was a notable religious and political leader in his home country of Ireland and also his adopted country, Australia. He was well known for his passion, strength of character, academic accomplishments and his commitment to education. St Fidelis' Catholic Church was blessed and declared open on Sunday 23 October 1938 by Archbishop Mannix.

Lee (Gold)

Father James Joseph Lee was the first Parish Priest of St Fidelis and served the Parish from 1927 until his death in 1941. He is remembered as being a champion for the poor and of children. St Fidelis' Catholic Church, which was declared open on Sunday 23 October 1938, was built following eleven years work by the parishioners under the spiritual guidance of Father James Joseph Lee.

Daly (Red)

Father Daniel Daly came to St Fidelis in 1959. During his 13 years as parish priest, the parish grew quickly and Father Daly worked hard to improve and renovate the parish and school facilities. In order to accommodate the many parishioners and their children, he authorised the building of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church and School in Pascoe Vale South. Father Daly is remembered as a man of great vision and initiative whose spiritual leadership and acceptance of all, helped build the wonderful parish of St Fidelis, Moreland.