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REPRESENTATIVE PATHWAY SPORTS

Dear Year 4 and 5 Parents,

Sydney Catholic Schools Representative Sport Pathway opportunities will commence in Term 4 2026. Through representative pathways, many hundreds of Sydney Catholic Primary School students have progressed to the highest level of school sporting competition available to primary students across Australia. Have a thorough read of this information if you believe it may be relevant for your child.

There are approximately 120 Primary schools in Sydney Catholic Schools which are divided into 4 sporting conferences. **St Patrick's** is part of the Sutherland Network within **Conference 3**. The other network part of Conference 3 is the St George Network. For your information here are the other Sydney Catholic Primary School suburbs within Conference 3:

ARNCLIFFE, BEVERLY HILLS, BEXLEY, BLAKEHURST, BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS, CARINGBAH, COMO, CRONULLA, EARLWOOD, ENGADINE, GYMEA, HURSTVILLE, KINGSGROVE, KOGARAH, MENAI, MIRANDA, OATLEY, PENSHURST, RIVERWOOD, ROCKDALE, SANS SOUCI, SOUTH HURSTVILLE AND WOOLLOOWARE.

The Pathway opportunities commence at a school level. If your child is playing at **representative level** or **A grade** in their retrospective sport outside of school while displaying a high level of skill development and talent, please nominate your child. Keep in mind they should be playing **in regular competition** outside of school. These selection trials are not a 'come and try' for students. **Our school can usually send four students per sport with some flexibility on varying sports.** Some sports also start from a Sydney level while skipping the school and conference selections. Regardless, you will be contacted by the Sport teachers at St Patrick's to inform you of the process of your nominated sport when the time is ready.

If you feel as though your child is within the selection criteria, please complete this **[Online Form](#)** by **Friday 11th September**. Only students who have completed the form will be eligible.

If our school has more than four students nominated for a sport, a school selection trial will be necessary to select our final four students. These students will then progress to the conference trial with opportunities to progress to Sydney, MacKillop and NSWPSA levels. Final selections will be on demonstrated ability on the day. The school

principal must be aware of all successful students who trial. If a student displays a reason for the principal not to support their representation, their submission will be relinquished. This can be due to behaviour, sportsmanship or application during class. Parents/Carers are responsible for all travel to and from representative trials.

You will be notified via email or COMPASS whether a school trial is required otherwise details for the Conference Trial will be provided to you. The trial process for the following sports will be in Term 4:

- **AFL boys and girls**
- **Basketball boys and girls**
- **Tennis boys and girls**
- **Cricket boys and girls**

All other sports will commence as of Term 1, 2027. These include **rugby league, netball, touch football, football (soccer), rugby union, rugby girl 7s, softball, diving, golf and hockey.**

For those students who do not trial in a nominated sport, there will be other opportunities to participate in Sporting Gala Days, Interschool Sport and Carnivals throughout 2027.

Any questions or concerns, please email the school office and it will be forwarded to the school sports teachers.

Yours sincerely,

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