



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL **BULLI**
Truth and Light

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised there are '**Multiclass Sporting Pathways & Opportunities**' available for students who meet the criteria and wish to pursue this pathway. Students are welcome to participate in the school sporting carnivals and diocesan carnivals without classification. However, to progress through the pathways to the MacKillop and PSSA levels, athletic classification is required. (See the process for this outlined below)

ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

Classification can provide students with wonderful opportunities to participate in competitive/representative school sport. Classification is an assessment process, which groups athletes and swimmers into a variety of categories, allowing students to compete in a multi-class category at pathway events. Students and families have choices about pursuing a multiclass pathway and/or student age group events.

The classification system exists to provide a fair and equitable competition for students and athletes with disabilities.

Classification is split into five impairment categories:

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Vision Impairment
- Intellectual Impairment
- Physical Impairment
- Transplant Recipients

NOTE: Autism is only recognised in swimming but not in athletics or cross country.

HOW CAN ATHLETES BECOME CLASSIFIED?

Classification is done by Athletics Australia and Swimming Australia, in conjunction with other national sporting associations.

The application process involves:

- Completing a classification eligibility application form
- Supplying requested medical documentation
- Visit a specialist/medical practitioner (depending on impairment)
- Submission of application form and documentation.

Each classification category has different requirements

To access specific information and eligibility application forms, visit: [Sport Inclusion Australia](#).

What do I do if I would like my child to participate as a multiclass athlete?

- Contact the Diverse Learning Needs Coordinator (Mrs Alex Van Gemert) **and** the School Sport Coordinators (Mrs Kylie Grose & Mrs Christine Smith) **in writing via email through the school office.**
- If you would like your child to be eligible for progressive pathway opportunities beyond the Diocesan level, use the application process above.
- Once a formal classification has been obtained, inform the Diverse Learning Needs Coordinator (Mrs Alex Van Gemert) and School Sport Coordinators (Mrs Kylie Grose & Mrs Christine Smith) **in writing via email through the school office.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school or access this resource [link](#) for additional information.

Mrs Kylie Grose or Mrs Christine Smith.

