

## **RISK WARNING - SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

ON BEHALF OF

St Pius X College, ISA, IPSHA, NSTA, NSJCA and MWJCA

## **Notice to Parents and Carers**

*St Pius X College* administrates, convenes and participates in *ISA, IPSHA, NSTA, NSJCA and MWJCA* inter-school sporting activities in which many students from its members including students of this school, participate. Students participating in these sporting events take part in practice, trials and competitions.

While *St Pius X College* takes measures to make the sporting activities as safe as possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events.

*St Pius X College* expects students to take responsibility for their own safety during sporting activities by wearing safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds. *St Pius X College* also expects parents, spectators and other participants to behave in a safe and responsible manner and to comply with the ISA Code of Conduct.

Injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions or the actions of others.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases the injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

Any COVID-19 protocols, procedures and restrictions have been established consistent with Government and Sporting Associations Policy. Players, officials, parents and visitors must abide by these regulations. These measures do not guarantee against COVID-19 but are in place to ensure a safe, hygienic and healthy environment for all.

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