



ST PIUS X COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB

Welcome to the 2020/2021 Season!!

Cricket is back!

And SPX Cricket will be aiming to build on the great season we had last year where the highlights included:

- SPX 2nd XI Champions!!
- SPX 1st XI Finalists
- U15 Division 2 Finalists
- U15 Division 1 MWJCA Junior Cricketer of the Year & Batting Aggregate – Keelan Mendel
- U15 Division 2 MWJCA Bowling Average Winner – Darcy Keenlyside
- ISA Representatives – Liam Chang, Joe Colgan, Stuart Dingley, Tyson McCallum



SPX 2nd XI Premiership 2019/20

In the 2019/20 season, our 2nd XI finished the regular season at the top of the table after only dropping one game and went on to win the premiership – our first since 2017!!

St Pius X Cricket fields teams in both the ISA and Manly district competitions. There are two open teams (1st XI and 2nd XI) that play in Division 1 and 2 of the ISA competition, which include Sydney schools such as St Patricks College, Oakhill and St Gregory's, as well regional schools such as Scots All Saints, St Stanislaus and Chevalier.

Other teams, from U12 up to U16 play in the MWJCA competition, with games played on grounds in the Northern Beaches area, including Manly, Collaroy, Forestville and, of course, Oxford Falls.

This Season

MWJCA district games will commence in Term 4 (target start date is 17th October). This year, U14's to U16's will play on Saturday morning from 8am to 12noon. These will be one-day 30 over games played with the traditional 11 players per side.

In alignment with NSW Cricket policy, the U12's and U13's will play a modified junior format, which is based one-day games only, teams of 9 players, and a shortened pitch. MWJCA will be likely running their U12 competition on a Saturday afternoon from 1pm, while U13's will likely remain in the morning (from 8am). Final timeslots will be confirmed by MWJCA once team numbers are known.

This season we expect to field at least one team in each of the age groups, from U12's through to U16's, with the possibility of two teams in some age groups. Teams will be generally organised by age group, with some boys playing up an age group to meet any representative qualifications, or to balance the team numbers. SPX teams may compete in either Division 1 or Division 2, with the intent being to place a team in the division where they will be most competitive.



If you are wanting to play SPX Cricket and have representative commitments with districts other than Manly, we can accommodate players being released from their SPX team in order to play the minimum number of qualification games for district representation. In this case, first priority for the bulk of the season, including finals, would remain with SPX Cricket.



Cricket Skills Day – Sunday, 13th September



There will be a Cricket Development day on Sunday, 13th September, to be held at Oxford Falls. Keep an eye on Woodchatta for age group timeslots.

Covid-19 Safety Precautions

Covid-19 safety precautions will be in effect for all training and matches. As a result of these precautions, all players must have their own equipment. No kits with cricket gear will be provided and lending or borrowing of equipment is prohibited. The SPX Cricket Club is looking to make available equipment from past seasons if required in individual circumstances – please contact Mr David Reay for further information.

Cricket Training

For boys interested in trialling for ISA this season, training commences on Monday, 7th September with net trials at Oxford Falls, and will then be twice a week on Monday and Wednesday from 14th September.

For district teams, training will be one afternoon per week at Oxford Falls (on a Tuesday or Thursday, depending on age group). Junior school boys (Years 5 and 6) will train during their Thursday afternoon sport. Keep an eye on Woodchatta for further details.



Specialist Coaching – Cricket Appeal

St Pius Cricket is pleased to announce that we are continuing our relationship with Ash Doolan and Cricket Appeal. While we rely on parents to take on the roles of manager and game-day coach (volunteers always welcome!), Ash and his team will provide coaching services during the weekly training sessions. This provides the boys with access to high quality coaching staff including a number of current & former Shield, County & Big Bash squad members.

Committee & Volunteers

The SPX Cricket Club is managed by the combined contribution of college staff and parents. The ISA teams are selected and managed by college staff, and the club is grateful for the ongoing support of:

- Mr David Reay – SPX Cricket Convener & 1st XI Coach
- Mr Pat Rodgers – 1st XI Coach
- Mr Matt Stearn – 2nd XI Coach
- Mr Alex Listo – 2nd XI Manager

The SPX Cricket Committee is led by Mr David Reay, and comprises of parent volunteers. After many years of supporting SPX Cricket, the committee would like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing president, Marissa Sheehan (Lawrence – Year 12), for her significant contribution.

For the coming season, the members of the committee will be:

- President – temporarily vacant
- Secretary – James Colgan
- Treasurer – Jason Chang
- Registrar – Michael Kinna
- MWJCA Delegate – Anthony Nicey
- Equipment Manager – Mike Brown
- Committee Members – Nick Lynn, Angus Hunt, Gerard Meares, Tony Carroll

Our MWJCA district teams rely on the support of parents for manager and game-day coach. The club is grateful to the parents who have helped out in these roles in the past, and we look forward to the ongoing support of all cricket parents!

Registration

Please see Woodchatta in the coming weeks for registration information, and for further information or any enquiries, please contact either Mr David Reay (dreay@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) or the Club Registrar (registrar@stpiuscricket.org.au)

We look forward to seeing you on the cricket pitch!