



MARIST COLLEGE
ASHGROVE

FOOTBALL HANDBOOK 2025

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Mr Blair Whitlock
Football Coordinator

FROM THE FOOTBALL COORDINATOR

Welcome everyone to the 2025 Marist College Ashgrove football season. This promises to be an exciting year for football at Marist. Each year a full program is planned to provide a challenging and enjoyable season for all our players. We recognise that this will range from those who wish to play for largely social reasons in the AIC competition to those who wish to develop their football to a high level over a more comprehensive development program.

This handbook provides information that is up to date at the time of publishing but is subject to change. Accordingly, we will communicate with the football community through the Parent Orbit app and the College Newsletter the most up to date information.

We are working hard to continually develop our program to provide the resources needed to improve our football. AIC Football is a very high-quality competition and as a school Marist embraces this as we challenge our young men to always strive to achieve greater. I would like to draw your attention to the three goals for the football program outlined in the handbook combining on field success with an enhanced love of the game and developing life skills as a part of the boys' holistic education.

This is an exciting time to be involved in football at Marist as we develop a whole game approach to how we prepare our footballers and play our football. The aim is to be consistent across the teams and year levels in what a Marist footballer looks like and how a Marist team plays.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming season, whether it is a player, coach, manager, referee or supporter, and embrace the opportunities that are presented to the fullest.

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE FOOTBALL HISTORY

Marist College Ashgrove has a long and distinguished history in schoolboy football in Queensland. In the 26 seasons of the AIC (Associated Independent Colleges), Marist has won the First XI premiership 11 times.

AIC FIRST XI PREMIERSHIPS

2000, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024

AIC AGGREGATE PREMIERSHIPS

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2017, 2021, 2024

PROMINENT OLD BOYS

The College has played a part in the development of a number of prominent Old Boys who have gone on to play the game professionally.

Corey Brown	Brisbane Roar; Melbourne Victory; Australia Under 23
Jordan Courtney-Perkins	Brisbane Roar; Rakow (Poland); Australia Under 23
Macklin Freke	Brisbane Roar
Glen Kolpak	Brisbane Strikers; Australia Under 23 (Olympic Games)

AIC COMPETITION

The Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) is an association of like schools from across South-East Queensland who come together to play a range of sports throughout the year. The purpose of the competitions arranged by the AIC is to promote and provide a range of sporting and associated activities. This competition will encourage the participation of students from our member schools in the spirit of our Christian ideals.

St Patrick's College
Iona College
Padua College
St Edmund's College
St Peters Lutheran College
St Laurence's College
Villanova College
Marist College Ashgrove

MOTTO

Learning and growth through sport and competition.

VISION

To develop good and healthy young people of character through sport and competition within a Christian context.

MISSION

The AIC will provide well-organised competitions in sport and other activities that foster participant engagement and pride in communities in a holistic Christian context. Our students, staff, and families (both past and present) will nurture spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, physical, and social development through respectful and compassionate relationships in a safe environment.



Associated
Independent
Colleges

AIC FOOTBALL PREMIERSHIPS

YEAR	AGGREGATE WINNER	PREMIERSHIP WINNER
1999	St Laurence's College	Padua College
2000	Marist College Ashgrove	Marist College Ashgrove
2001	Marist College Ashgrove	St Laurence's College
2002	Marist College Ashgrove	St Laurence's College
2003	Marist College Ashgrove	Marist College Ashgrove
2004	Marist College Ashgrove	Marist College Ashgrove
2005	Marist College Ashgrove	Villanova College
2006	Marist College Ashgrove	St Laurence's College
2007	Marist College Ashgrove	Villanova College
2008	Marist College Ashgrove	Marist College Ashgrove
2009	Marist College Ashgrove	Marist College Ashgrove
2010	St Laurence's College	Marist College Ashgrove
2011	Villanova College	Marist College Ashgrove
2012	St Laurence's College	Villanova College
2013	St Laurence's College	Villanova College and St Patrick's College
2014	St Laurence's College	St Peters Lutheran College
2015	St Laurence's College	St Patrick's College and Iona College
2016	St Laurence's College	St Edmund's College
2017	Marist College Ashgrove	Iona College
2018	Iona College	Iona College
2019	St Laurence's College	Marist College Ashgrove
2020	Not Awarded	Marist College Ashgrove and St Peters Lutheran College
2021	Marist College Ashgrove	Marist College Ashgrove
2022	Not Awarded	Villanova College
2023	St Laurence's College	Iona College
2024	Marist College Ashgrove and St Laurence's College	Marist College Ashgrove

MARIST FOOTBALL PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE

FOOTBALL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Every team to be top 3 in their division and the program to be 1st or 2nd in the aggregate. All First teams to be competitive, aiming for a premiership at least every 3 years.

Every boy develops a love of the sport through their experience at Marist. That we provide opportunities for boys to develop skills, represent the College and play with their friends.

Every boy develops life skills through playing sport. These include being a member of a team (with boys they may not be friends with), setting goals, dealing with adversity (including being dropped, disagreeing with a referee decision), learning how to win with grace and lose with dignity and respect, and challenge ourselves to get out of their comfort zone.

RATIONALE

COMMITMENT

We sacrifice whatever necessary to be the best we can be. Specifically, that relates to attitude to training, taking care of the small details in a professional manner, working hard and giving his best in everything we do. Coaches should educate the players in these areas, as it could be the ultimate difference. We have a low tolerance for a player who does not want to better himself both academically and as a footballer.

Work Hard

We value hard work. Without question we demand a big effort from our players in everything they do. We apologise to no one for wanting to be the best. Working hard is the only way to achieve this goal.

Loyalty

Loyalty to each other; loyalty to the College.

Discipline

Discipline to work hard; act with integrity; to accept disappointment.

Sacrifice

In order to get, first you must give.

Honesty

Open and honest communication gives us the edge. We tell the truth so we can soar as the journey unfolds.

Good Habits

We are creatures of habit. Therefore the habits we form must be helpful.



OVERVIEW OF PLAYING STYLE

To play the ball on the ground as much as possible, this requires both supporting play and good technique.

To play an intelligent passing game; this requires all players to support each other in attack and defence. Keep the ball and play football; do things that make sense.

To play longer balls in response to a movement by a team mate not in the hope of one; then to move and support the ball after the pass.

Players are encouraged with freedom of expression to develop as creative football players, and to try skills without fear of failure.

The object of football is to keep the ball and to score goals through breaking down a defence with pass and skill, not booting it forward and hoping for a mistake.

DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Year 5 and 6 - Teach The Basics

In this phase the focus is on technical development over tactical. The player needs to develop the core skills of control and pass, dribbling, running with the ball and striking. These skills are taught in a combination of isolated practice, small-sided games and match situations.

The priority in this phase is individual competence over team performance.

Year 7 and 8 - Developing the Player

In this phase the focus is on players developing an understanding of how to perform with others, recognizing which skill to execute at the right time, with the right action in the best interests of the team. These skills are taught through small-sided games and match situations.

The priority in this phase is the individual understanding how the team functions building on the phase of individual skill development over team performance.

Year 9 and 10 - Prepare for Competition

In this phase the focus is on tactical implementation, understanding how the whole team functions together to achieve desired outcomes, making decisions based on an understanding of practiced team sequences and movement patterns. These skills are taught through small-sided games and match situations.

The priority in this phase is team cohesion building on the phases of individual skill development and functional team understanding over team performance.

Year 11 and 12 - Preparing to Win

The priority here is team performance, where the team and the players implement all the attributes they have developed into a performing functional unit.



EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS

The expectations of the players are broken into two categories- training and match day. All players should be aware of these expectations and ensure they are meeting or exceeding them.

TRAINING

Upon selection in an AIC team players required to train at least twice per week, Outside the Football season (Term 2) availability is subject to not clashing with in-season sports and by negotiation between the coordinators of the sports. In-season activities always take precedence over pre-season or development training.

Arrival

Start times for training sessions are just that; not arrival times. If training starts at 3:30 that means you are on the field with boots on ready to go, not just arriving.

Attitude

Training is work time not social time. To play at your best you need to train at your best.

Attendance

All players are expected to be at all team training sessions. If you are going to miss training you need to contact your coach and year coordinator direct to explain why. In the Primary this will need to be from a parent.

Equipment

All training sessions require the wearing of boots and shin pads. Boys will not be allowed to participate in training sessions without these.

Uniform

All players are expected to be in Marist apparel for all training sessions.

MATCH DAY

Playing

All players are expected to be available for all matches. You have made a commitment to the college and your team. If you are unavailable for a match contact your coach and year coordinator as soon as possible explaining the reason why.

Arrival Time

Unless otherwise directed, players are to arrive at the venue not less than 30 minutes before kick-off and report to your team coach or manager.

Dress Code

All football players are to turn up to matches in their playing kit or tracksuit. No player is to turn up wearing non-Marist items. All boys must change into your college uniform to watch later games.

First XI players are required to wear your formal uniform.

Equipment

Boys will also require shin pads and football boots (preferably no metal tags.) All players must have a Marist bumblebee playing jersey, shorts and socks.

Hydration

Each boy must bring their own full water bottle with them. Team managers will encourage the boys to drink water but ultimately players are responsible for their hydration.

Shaking Hands

All players are to shake hands with their opponents at the completion of the match. This is to occur before any War Cry or team celebrations occur.

Respect

At all times on match days Marist Footballers must ensure that their actions and conduct is respectful to their opposition, officials, themselves, their teammates, coaches, and the College.

First XI Support

All players are strongly encouraged to stay behind and support the First XI. All players are expected to watch at least one First XI match per season.

AIC FOOTBALL**TEAMS**

The College will enter enough teams in the AIC competition to cater for all boys who want to play football. We often have the most in each cohort which will see multiple Marist teams in the same division.

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 teams will play 9-a-side matches in squads of 11-14 players.

Years 7-12

Years 7-12 will play 11-a-side matches in squads of 14-18.

All matches except 1st XI (which is substitute) are interchange. It is the philosophy of the program that all boys will get regular game time over the season. If a coach believes a player is not going to get consistent time they will move to a team where they can get more opportunity.

Selections are week to week, published on the College app on Friday mornings.

MATCH FORMATS

1st XI = 40 minutes each way

All Year 9, 10 and Open (Except First XI) = 30 minutes each way

All Year 7 and 8 games = 25 minutes each way

All Year 5 & 6 games = 20 minutes each way

In all cases, half time shall be five minutes.

Injury time shall be allowed for in 1st XI matches only.

HOME AND AWAY

The home school listed in the draw will be for Year 9-12 teams, the away school will be Year 5-8 teams. There are certain days in the calendar where all teams are at home or away. The final make up of these draws are dependent on field space and size of programs.

SELECTIONS

At some stage in your journey in your sporting journey it is more than likely you are going to experience disappointment in terms of selection, no matter what your level of skill is. At Marist College Ashgrove, this is viewed as an opportunity for you to learn, seek feedback and improve. We encourage students in all year levels to seek feedback from their coaches. This should be the first step and an opportunity for students to have a conversation with those who see them train and play the most. The second step should be allowing enough time to implement the feedback. The third step is speaking with their Year Coordinator and the final step is speaking with the Football Coordinator. Following these steps does not guarantee selection in a higher team but is an important part of their learning and growth on and off the field.

If a parent/guardian wish to discuss any concerns relating to the selection process they are to contact the Football Coordinator. Under no circumstances are parents/guardians to make direct contact with a coach about selections.

SPORT OPPORTUNITIES EACH TERM

Boys are encouraged to participate in a range of sports across the school year. Boys are able to participate in one team sport and one championship sport per term. In term 2 boys can choose to participate in football and cross country but by choosing football are not able to play rugby, or vice versa.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

TRAINING UNIFORM

All boys are required to wear Marist gear to training. There are a number of reasons for this:

1. Sub-consciously it builds a sense of belonging and identity of the boys to the college.
2. It builds team spirit and togetherness to the group.
3. It assists coaches with organising opposed drills and training games.
4. It puts everyone on an equal footing, building confidence and trust in each other and within oneself.
5. It looks professional, disciplined, and committed, and if we look professional, disciplined and committed we are more likely to act professional, disciplined and committed.

In the first instance where boys are in the wrong item coaches will remind the boy about this expectation. The second time it happens he will not be able to train with the team.



PLAYING UNIFORM

All boys must be in the correct uniform to play. By and large we get this right but there is the odd slip up. Our reputation, and your image are on show on game day. Opposition, visitors and spectators are judging us all by our appearance.

This includes travelling to and from the venue. The new MCA tracksuit or jumper are able to be worn over the playing kit in colder or wet weather. No one should be seen in non-MCA gear on match days.

Boys must be always in covered footwear. We do not allow thongs, slides or Birkenstocks to be worn at any time.

If you are staying to watch the First XI after your match you must bring your school uniform and change after your match. No-one is to be walking around the fields or courts in random gear.



FIRST TEAMS - MARIGOLD JERSEY AND PLAYING JERSEY

work, skill, insight, passion and commitment. It rightly should be celebrated and appreciated. The wearing of a firsts jersey should be reserved for the premier competition that teams play in- in most cases the AIC. All pre-season and non-AIC competition matches are to be played in the College jersey and playing shorts and socks.

The day a boy gets to pull on the marigold shirt, put on the baggy cap, et cetera, is special and it should be the first time he wears the item as a signifier that he has made it.

The marigold training shirt and singlet is unique to Marist Ashgrove and again has a significant position in our college culture. Similar to the jersey, it is easy to diminish its value. Therefore, the following conditions apply to wearing it:

Extended first squads are to wear the blue Marist training shirt for the pre-season phase. Once the final first team squad has been chosen boys will be able to purchase and wear the marigold firsts training shirt to training as directed by the coaches.

If you made the first team the year before or in another sport and already have a marigold shirt you are not to wear it to training until the final squad has been chosen and all players wear the marigold.

To sum this up: when you have earned it you can wear it.





COMMEMORATIVE ITEM POLICY

A commemorative item (jersey) will be given out each year to players from the first team based on players meeting the following criteria:

- To be eligible to receive a commemorative item players must have started a match for the first team throughout the AIC season.
- Only the number of players who have started one or more matches will be presented with a commemorative item.
- Where the sport plays in positional numbered jerseys, the jersey number will be allocated to the player who played the most matches in that number. Players who started a match but did not play the greatest number of matches in any specific starting number will be presented a reserve number jersey.
- Where a sport plays in squad numbers, the jersey number will be allocated to the player who played the most matches in that number. Players who started a match but did not play the greatest number of matches in any specific number will be presented with an alternative number jersey.
- In the event of more players being eligible than number of items available, the College will order additional items.
- In special circumstances, such as injury or illness, the criteria can be overridden by the College to include any additional participants at their discretion.

FIRST TEAM APPAREL

All players who are selected in an extended training squad are required to have the blue MCA training shirt, blue shorts and socks to commence training.

All players selected in the final firsts squad for the season are required to have the Marigold training shirt (or jersey as required by coaching staff), blue MCA firsts AFL playing shorts and socks. These will be available for purchase from the uniform shop once the final squad has been released.

First team jerseys will be supplied by the college for matches. All players who qualify for a jersey at the end of the season under the commemorative items policy will be able to keep this jersey at no charge.

COMMUNICATION

We use the Parent Orbit app to share all key operational information including team lists, weekly draws, training schedules, contact details, season calendar, the handbook and selection criteria.

Draws and team lists are posted on the app as soon as practically possible each week.

The College Newsletter includes a summary of the previous week, key information for the wider school community, including match reports and highlights.

KEY CONTACTS

Football Coordinator.....	Blair Whitlock.....	whitlockb@marash.qld.edu.au
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WET WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS

We will attempt to play to train and play all games of football.

Should the weather be inclement, a decision will be made by 6am for morning training sessions and 2.30pm for afternoon training sessions. A decision for whether game days will proceed will be communicated by 6.30am.

All communication around wet weather and cancellations will be via the Parent Orbit app.

SUN SAFETY

Marist College Ashgrove is committed to providing a safe working environment for all our students, staff and visitors. All students, staff and visitors are encouraged to apply sunscreen prior to arriving at training or matches and again during the day if he deems it necessary to ensure they are protected throughout the day.

Staff, students and visitors are encouraged to wear hats at all times where appropriate outside of training activities and games. Staff and students are encouraged to use shade from shelters, built environment and trees where appropriate outside of training activities and games.

SELECTION PROCESS

AIMS

To fairly select Marist players into teams for the upcoming AIC season.

To be motivating for players. The trials will highlight strengths and weaknesses, therefore allowing all boys to see exactly how much improvement is needed.

To select the best possible combinations of boys into the First teams and A teams, and so on.

GRADING OF TEAMS

The Year Co-ordinator and the coaching staff in each age group will grade players into teams during the grading process. When making decisions the coaches will be mindful of playing positions, team balance and the ability to fit into a style of play. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) include a combination of:

- Technical ability
- Tactical knowledge and ability
- Role in the team
- Fitness
- Attitude
- Ability to work as a member of a team

FIRST TEAM SELECTION TRIALS

An extended training squad will be identified during the previous AIC season by the first team coaching staff and the Co-ordinator, along with the appropriate A team coaches. The basis of this selection will be performance in the previously completed AIC season and will consist of between two and three times the number of players in a normal match.

This training squad will complete training, strength and conditioning and team sessions two terms before the AIC competition as determined by the coaching staff.

A TEAM TRIALS

The Year 6A, 7A, 8A, 9A and 10A squads are selected midway through the term before competition to allow additional time to organise, teach playing structures and prepare for the season. The squad will consist of no more than two times the number of players in a match.

These trials will occur over 3 weeks to ensure all trialists have the opportunity to put their best foot forward. All boys who wish to be selected in these squads are required to attend these trials. All new players to the College or sport are welcome to trial. Returning players must have played at A or B level in the preceding season or have requested permission from the Co-ordinator prior to the trial.

YEAR LEVEL SQUAD SELECTION TRIALS

Selection trials for these teams will occur in the Weeks 9 and 10 once Term 1 sport has concluded in order to avoid any clashes with other sporting commitments. Players are required to attend trials at the nominated times where boys will be put into teams where they can demonstrate their skills and abilities in situations against boys in their own age group.

SELECTION TOOLS

Selection in teams will be based results of the following selection tools:

1. AGE GROUP SELECTION TESTS

- Boys will be put into games and training activities where they can demonstrate their skills and abilities in situations against boys in their own age group using the six criteria as listed above.

2. PERFORMANCE IN THE PREVIOUS AIC SEASON

- As competitive matches are the best indicators of likely performance, feedback from coaches in previous years will be considered.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

If because of illness, injury or extenuating circumstances an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements of this selection procedure, that athlete may still be considered for selection. Medical considerations will require a certificate or other communication from a medical practitioner. Any extenuating circumstances must be communicated to the Co-ordinator prior to selections being completed.

TRIAL REGISTRATION

All boys must be registered to trial. The process will be online, and the registration period will be advertised through the Parent Orbit App, the College newsletter and daily notices.

Boys who miss out on selection at the first team or A squads are encouraged to trial for other teams. Boys who miss a higher squad will not automatically be selected in the next level down but will need to attend those trials to be considered for selection.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

All players who want to play a sport must register on Student Café during the sign up period in the term before the AIC competition occurs. Parents need to approve this through Parent Lounge.

It is vitally important that all players sign up. We have to nominate team numbers to the AIC and recruit suitable coaches before we start trials. The information we use to do this is the numbers per cohort we see signed up for each sport.

Boys who have not signed up during the registration period will not be guaranteed an opportunity to participate.

SIGNING UP

Sign in to Student Café; select Extra Curricular; select Sign-up Available; choose the sport you want to play and complete any additional fields as required.

PARENT APPROVAL

Sign in to Parent Lounge; select Extra Curricular; click Sign-up Now; select Approve Sign-Up and check and update medical details; click Accept; choose Update; click Submit to School.

To view the details your son has signed up for at Student Details/Extra Curricular.

SPECTATORS

Remember that the boys participate in football for their enjoyment, not yours. Recognise the importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give their time and resources to provide a game for young participants.

This is a GAME!

The referees are human (and often volunteers).

Remember that young people learn best by example. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the game.

REFEREE PROGRAM

Marist prides itself on being able to provide students with an opportunity to develop their involvement in football outside of playing. In line with our key aims of the program we offer boys the opportunity to take up refereeing. They complete an online course on the laws of the game, then take part in a one-day practical, run by Football Queensland during the term one school holidays.

Upon successful completion the applicant is then recognised by both Marist and Football Queensland as a qualified referee. During the AIC season the student referee will be given opportunities to referee/assistant referee matches. These duties are paid.

Contact Football Coordinator Blair Whitlock (whitlockb@marash.qld.edu.au) if you are interested in joining for 2025.

GOOD TO KNOW

Q: What if I miss the day of the team trials or the trial clashes with another commitment?

A: Communicate with the Year Coordinator with as much notice as possible and we will use training to place boys into teams and adjustments will be made over the first few weeks.

Q: Are selections fixed for the season?

A: No, over the trial round and first two AIC fixtures to finalise teams. After that movement should be minimal but will happen where we want to reward boys' efforts or we have injuries and unavailability.

Q: Who do I notify if I am sick or injured?

A: Contact your coach and year coordinator as soon as possible.

Q: Who can attend A trials?

A: Players who played at A or B level the year before or players outside these teams that request permission from the Football Coordinator to trial. All players that are new to Marist are welcome to trial.

AIC CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR - PLAYERS

Fundamental to the AIC, is our belief in inclusion and fellowship. This means that as a player you are welcoming to everyone and treat them with the greatest levels of respect, protecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability/disability, sexual orientation, cultural background, or religion.

As a player who will be representing their college and playing under the auspices of AIC, you play an important role in upholding the values of the AIC and the College. Players need to demonstrate the following behaviours regarding their conduct:

- Exhibit a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship on and off the field including appropriate language, social media posts, and interaction with officials and opposition players.
- Respect your opponents by displaying humility in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Play in the correct age group and commit to and respect the team that you are selected in.
- Play hard and competitively, but always fairly and accept the official's decisions.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.
- Do not sledge, abuse, or threaten opponents or officials.

- Be punctual to games and have the correct equipment and College attire.
- Acknowledge the opposition before and after the game with a handshake and thanks.
- Adhere to host school requirements when playing at their venues.
- Take pride in representing your College and the AIC.
- Do not act in a way that may adversely affect or reflect on, or bring you, your team, College or the AIC, into disrepute or discredit.
- Do not use drugs, including pain killers, to improve or maintain performance.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR - COACHES

Fundamental to the AIC, is our belief in inclusion and fellowship. This means that as a coach you are welcoming to everyone and treat them with the greatest levels of respect, protecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability/disability, sexual orientation, cultural background, or religion.

As a coach who will be representing your College and coaching under the auspices of AIC, you play an important role in upholding the values of the AIC and the College you represent. Coaches need to demonstrate the following behaviours regarding their conduct:

- Have appropriate training and qualifications to ensure that your team is safe and prepared for competition.
- Understand and follow the rules and by laws of the sports involved.
- Adhere to your duty of care to ensure that injured players receive appropriate care during and after the games.
- The coach needs to model appropriate sportsmanship and behaviours.
- Remain calm during and after matches.
- Respect the dignity of your players as well as those from the opposition.
- In a spirit of fellowship, meet with the coach from the opposing team, prior to and after the match.
- Be the first person approached by students or parents should there be any complaint from the match.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR - OFFICIALS

Fundamental to the AIC, is our belief in inclusion and fellowship. This means that as an official you are welcoming to everyone and treat them with the greatest levels of respect, protecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability/disability, sexual orientation, cultural background, or religion.

As an official who will be representing your college/or governing body of your sport and participating under the auspices of AIC, you play an important role in upholding the values of the AIC and the College you represent. Officials need to demonstrate the following behaviours regarding their conduct:

- Model the highest standards of behaviour.
- Possess and maintain appropriate officiating qualifications for the level of competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest rules/laws and trends in officiating.
- Be conversant with the AIC rules and by laws of the relevant sport.
- Prioritise the safety and welfare of the participants as the highest concern.
- Ensure the venue, conditions and equipment are safe.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game by promoting fair play and respect.
- Officiate without bias, being consistent and objective in your decision-making.
- Act on incidences of foul play, unsportsmanlike conduct, and behaviour contrary to the spirit of the game.
- Communicate respectfully with the players and coaches.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR - PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Fundamental to the AIC, is our belief in inclusion and fellowship. This means that as a parent, or a spectator you are welcoming to everyone and treat them with the greatest levels of respect, protecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability/disability, sexual orientation, cultural background, or religion.

As a parent/guardian of a student who will be representing their college and playing under the auspices of AIC, you play an important role in upholding the values of the AIC and the College that your son attends.

Parents and spectators need to demonstrate the following behaviours regarding their conduct during any AIC sporting activity:

- Be welcoming of other competitors and spectators and always model respectful interactions.
- Respect referees and officials' decisions and teach your son to do likewise.
- Remember that your son participates in sport for their own enjoyment.
- Remember that this is a schoolboy game, and all coaches and match officials are volunteers.
- Show appreciation for the coaches and teachers - including the opposing team. Without them, your son could not participate.
- Encourage your son to participate, do not force them. Focus on your son's efforts rather than his performance or the result of the game.
- Remember that all correspondence around sport should be respectful and appropriate, and directly through your son's College.
- Never ridicule or yell at your son and other boys for making a mistake.
- Be a positive role model. Remember that boys learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful play by all participants.

AIC events are not an appropriate space/venue for matters involving family disputes. This includes ensuring all parties follow appropriate court orders around visitation and attendance at activities.

The AIC supports all efforts to remove poor behaviour from sporting events. In the event that a parent feels the need to notify the AIC of inappropriate behaviour, they should firstly notify the venue official/College representative at the venue. Following this, any complaint should be then directed to their son's College's Head of Sport or the appropriate member of the College Leadership Team.





AIC PLAYING LOCATIONS

	<p>ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE</p>	<p>Curlew Park, Curlew Street, Shorncliffe</p>	
	<p>VILLANOVA COLLEGE</p>	<p>Villa Park, 910 Manly Road, Tingalpa</p>	
	<p>IONA COLLEGE</p>	<p>Iona College, 85 North Road, Lindum</p>	
	<p>ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE</p>	<p>St Laurence's College Sporting Fields, 18 Nathan Road, Runcorn</p>	
	<p>ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE</p>	<p>St Edmund's College Playing Fields, off Mount Crosby Road, Tivoli</p>	
	<p>ST PETERS LUTHERAN COLLEGE</p>	<p>St Peters Lutheran College, 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly</p>	
	<p>PADUA COLLEGE</p>	<p>Padua College Sportsground, 222 Elliott Road, Banyo</p>	
	<p>AMBROSE TREACY COLLEGE</p>	<p>Ambrose Treacy College, Twigg Street, Indooroopilly</p>	
	<p>MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE</p>	<p>Marist College Ashgrove, Frasers Road, Ashgrove</p>	



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