

BAS/SPC After School Sport

Frequently Asked Questions

SIGNING UP / GETTING INVOLVED

1) How does my son know what sports are available?

There is an outline of all sports available on the notice board in the gymnasium. Click [this link](#) to see the sport outline.

2) How does my son sign up for a sport?

At the beginning of each Term, coaches (SPC staff) will put sport/sign up information in the Daily Messages. Students can access the Daily Messages through SIMON if they do not hear them in pastoral care. The notice will specify where and when the sign-up meeting will be for each sport. If your son misses the meeting, they can email the coach or visit the sports office to get more information.

3) My son wants to play an after-school sport that he has never played before. Is that okay?

Yes. The after-school sport program is about participation and getting boys involved. If we have more boys signed up than are required for a team then we rotate the team each week, so all boys get the opportunity to play.

4) Does my son have to “try out” to be part of a team?

Some sports will have “try outs” to pick the 1sts team, rowing crews or to select a representative team. If your son is unsuccessful at try outs there are opportunities to play in one of our other teams. Other teams are rotated so all boys get the opportunity to play.



5) Can my son play more than one sport?

Yes. Boys can play more than one sport if the days/times do not clash.

6) Do I need to give my son permission to play sport?

Yes. Students need permission before they can participate in sport. When your son signs up for a sport you will be required to give permission via the Parent Access Module (PAM). When your son is added to a sport it will prompt an email advising that your son has a new activity permission in PAM. If you do not receive an email advising your son has signed up to a specific sport, please contact the sports office on 53224453 as your son may have missed the sign up. If you are having difficulty in logging into your PAM account please contact helpdesk@stpats.vic.edu.au

7) What time does sport finish?

Most BAS Sport finishes at approximately 5.15-5.30pm but there are exceptions. Please check the PAM information carefully as it will specify approximate finish times for each sport. If you are picking your son up from an external venue, please ensure you do so prior to the bus departing back to SPC.

EQUIPMENT/COST

8) Is equipment provided?

Yes. Equipment is supplied for all sports. If students have their own equipment, they are free to use it, however we do not expect parents to go out and buy equipment for only 6 - 8 games.

9) Are uniforms provided?

Yes and no. Uniform items are required to be purchased from the College shop for certain sports - football/basketball shorts, Zootie, football/soccer/hockey socks, and 1st team uniforms etc. For most sports students wear their SPC PE/Sport shirt or playing tops are provided and are returned at the end of each game.

10) Where do the boys get changed for sport?

Students get changed in the Kearney changerooms next to the Pavilion. Under no circumstances should boys get changed in the gymnasium or a classroom.



11) Does the BAS After School Program cost money?

Yes and no. The school pays an annual subscription fee and team entries. The only cost involved for families is uniform items for certain sports – football/basketball shorts, Zootie, football/soccer/hockey socks, and 1st team uniforms etc. These items can be purchased from the College shop. Mouthguards are compulsory for some sports as are shin guards. Rowing is an exception and has separate fees to participate. There will be additional costs if students choose to participate in sport tours.

12) Does the sport department lend out equipment for lunchtime use?

The only place students can borrow College sports equipment at recess is lunch is from the stairwell located at the end of the Treacy Wing, outside the Enhanced Learning Department. Students wishing to borrow equipment will need to show their student id.

TRANSPORT / STAFFING

13) Where does my son need to go if he has signed up for a sport?

Boys need to meet staff at the gymnasium after session 8. The coach will mark attendance and then students will depart by bus if the sport is being played offsite.

14) Do teams play at the same venue each week?

Not necessarily. Some sports will be at the same venue each week eg. Table Tennis. However other sports will change venue depending on the draw. Students will be informed by coaches the location of their game each week and draws will be displayed in the gymnasium. You can also find a copy of fixtures on the BAS website at <http://bas.vic.edu.au/index.php/fixtures-results/all-sports>

15) How do boys get to an external venue?

St Patrick’s College will provide a bus to and from every sport match offsite. Parents have the option to pick up their son from an external venue. If you choose to collect your son from an external venue, please ensure you are there prior to the bus departing (approximately 5.15pm). Your son should advise coaches of travel arrangements prior to departure.

16) Do I need to collect my son from an external venue?

You can collect your son from an external venue or from St Patrick’s College. We will always run transport back to St Patrick’s College. If you choose to pick your son up from an external venue, please ensure you are there prior to the bus departing (approximately 5.15pm). Your son should advise coaches of travel arrangements prior to departure.

17) Will there be adult supervision?

Yes. Most of our sport teams are coached and supervised by College staff.

18) Does SPC run a late bus for Ballan/Bacchus Marsh

No. SPC no longer runs a late bus. Parents will have to organise suitable transport for their son after school sport concludes. Flexi-boarding options are available should you wish for your son to spend a night at the school. For further information visit [this link](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

19) Does St Patrick’s College go on any Sport Tours?

Yes. The College has a range of sport tours and opportunities available outside of the BAS competition. Information for these tours will be sent out to students and parents. All tours have a selection process and will have associated costs.



20) My son isn't interested in playing a sport, but instead would like to umpire, referee or help coach. Can he be involved in this way?

Yes. We are always looking for Basketball, Football and Soccer referees. If your son has experience in umpiring these sports, he can contact the sports office to get involved. There may be other opportunities outside of those three sports so if your son is interested in getting involved in any way please contact the sports office.

21) What if my son's sport isn't on the list?

If your son wants to get involved in other school representative sports that are not on the list, please contact the sports office to see if we can assist. An example of this is Cycling where we can enter and pay for student entries into Cycling Victoria Road and MTB events.

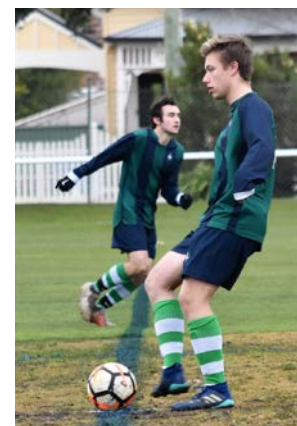
22) My son wants to participate in School Sport Victoria individual sports, is St Patrick's College affiliated?

Yes. St Patrick's College pays SSV affiliation each year to allow boys to participate in SSV events. However, SPC does not organise or staff SSV events. Please be aware that there are associated costs to parents for their son to participate in SSV events, irrespective of the affiliation fee SPC pays.

23) Are there sports scholarships available?

To encourage and recognise the pursuit of excellence in all areas of school life, St Patrick's College offers scholarships for Years 7, 10 and 11 entry level in the categories of academic excellence, art, performing arts, music, sport, leadership and general excellence. All categories have an academic component and boys must sit a scholarship test conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research. A fee of \$95 is payable at the time of registering your son as well as the opportunity to purchase additional practice testing papers at \$25 which are available online and downloadable in PDF format. For sports scholarships families are also asked to provide as much supplementary information as possible documenting their son's sporting achievements.

For more information on College scholarships visit this link: stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/scholarships/



COMMUNICATION

24) How does my son get updated information about sport?

Email, and/or Microsoft Teams are the best ways for coaches to communicate with students. Coaches will send out team and match information each week so it is important that boys are checking these regularly. Coaches will also put information in the Daily Messages. Students can access the Daily Messages through SIMON.

25) What happens if the weather turns bad and it is not safe to play?

Heads of Sport will attempt to make a call early if a game looks as though it needs to be called off due to poor weather. Students will be informed via email, Microsoft Teams and over the loud speaker.

26) Who do I contact if I have any questions regarding Sport?

For any enquiries regarding sport please contact;

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