

SPC Sport Report – Term 1, Week 1

Welcome back

Hello to all and welcome back to the 2022 school year. It has been great to see all the students return and we are hopeful to get sport up and running in Term 1. The morning notices will be full of sport information (key dates, meeting times etc.) over the coming days.

In January, our annual rowing camps were held for Junior, Intermediate and Senior crews. I would like to thank Brendan Scott and coaches for all their help and organisation. The crews are looking strong and have already competed in regattas in the lead up to the Head of the Lake.

Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC)

We were thrilled to be accepted as a part member in the ACC in 2022. We will have the opportunity to participate in the Championships (Athletics, Swimming & Cross Country) and tournaments and events (Badminton, Golf, Lawn Bowls, Chess, Debating, Music and Drama). We are very excited to have the opportunity to compete against the ACC Schools from Melbourne and Geelong with our first event being the ACC Athletics Carnival in Week 4.

Term 1 Sport

Covid has resulted in yet another Term of uncertainty. We are hopeful that sport will be able to resume but we are waiting on confirmation. It was decided that BAS sport will be put on hold for Weeks 1 & 2 so students could return to school, and we see how the covid situation is. So, watch this space to hear updates. Until then we are still running sign up meetings for sport in preparation for the Term ahead.

Students need to ensure that they listen to the morning messages and attend meetings so that they are organised know where to go to sport meetings to sign up. Always communicate with your coaches if you are unavailable or for general inquiries. Students can communicate with their coach via email or MS Teams.

SPORT	DAY	COACH/MANAGER
Junior Baseball	Wed	Shane Murphy
Intermediate Tennis	Tue	Peter Ryan / Julie Johns
Senior Tennis (1st's & 2nd's)	Fri	Liam Young / Joe Magee
Senior Volleyball	Wed	Daniel Sutton
1st XI Cricket	Fri	Steve Biggin
2nd XI Cricket	Thur	Michael Busscher
3rd XI Cricket	Weds	Shane Armstrong
Junior Cricket (Yr 7 & 8) Dual pitch	Tues	Luke Corden, Mitch Leviston, Mike Kent, Brendan Dix, Gerry Willis, Brendan McCarthy
SPC House Soccer	Wed	Barry Schurrs/ Emmanuel Desfosses/ Brett Earl
Lawn Bowls	Mon	Clare Kavanagh / Fiona Purcell
Swimming Squad/BAS Swimming	Tues	Louise Macquire/Mark Stahl

There are plenty of opportunities for all year levels and abilities. The Junior House Sport in particular is a great way for Year 7's to meet new friends, get to know their teachers and participate in a sport they may never have played before.

Swimming

The SPC Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at the Eureka Pool. The Junior School carnival will commence at 9:30am with the Middle & Senior School commencing at 11:30pm. In preparation for this, the House Assemblies will be held on Tuesday, February 8, where students will be able to sign up for events.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to compete against the ACC Schools in the ACC Swimming Championships on Wednesday, March 30. This will be our first time attending this event and we look forward to seeing how we go against the ACC schools from Melbourne and Geelong.

The BAS Swimming Twilight Carnival will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. Any inquiries regarding swimming please do not hesitate to contact Louise Macquire (Coordinator of Swimming) or myself.

Athletics

The SPC Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, April 6 here at the College. The House Assembly will be on Tuesday, March 1.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to compete against the ACC Schools in the ACC Athletics Championships coming up soon on Thursday, February 24. This will be our first time attending this event and we look forward to seeing how we go against the ACC schools from Melbourne and Geelong.

The BAS Athletics Carnival will be held at Llanberis on Tuesday, May 24.

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Cooper Sherman and Year 10 student, Archie Caldwell on their performances at the Vic Country Athletic Championships held in Bendigo. Cooper won the Under 20 100m, 200m & 400m and qualified for the World Junior Championships. In doing so, he earned the prestigious Australia Day medal at the Championships. Archie finished 1st in the Under 18 800m & 1500m while still an Under 17 athlete with a PB in both events! Well done boys.

Athletics inquiries can be directed to John Richards (Coordinator of Athletics) or myself.

Communication

The best form of communication we have with parent/guardians is via the Parent Access Module (PAM). Students require permission to participate in all sport. Parent/guardians will receive the information through a PAM activity permission. Please ensure that you read the information prior to giving permission and that you also talk to students about the information.

The daily messages are one of the best ways we can distribute information to students about sports that are on offer and where sign up meetings will be held. Students should check the daily messages regularly.

Once students have signed up for a sport, we will be adding them into a MS Teams group where they can communicate directly with their coach. Students must communicate with their coach if they are unavailable for a match so we can find a replacement to ensure we have a full team for each match.

If students are unsure of how to sign up for a sport or want more information, they can visit sports staff in the gymnasium.

SPC Sport Uniform

All sport uniforms can be purchased at the College Shop. Students need to ensure they are in the correct uniform to participate. The general sport uniform is the navy blue polo top, navy shorts and white socks. Certain sports will require very specific clothing e.g. 1st XI Cricketers require SPC Whites, SPC cricket shirt and SPC cricket cap. Students should check with their coach as to what is required. Also remember to wear sunscreen at all times.

I wish all students and coaches the best in 2022. Always play the game in the right spirit, wear the correct uniform and respect the facilities, home and away. St Patrick's College is steeped in sporting tradition, and you are encouraged to add more chapters to our past endeavours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (tbenoit@stpats.vic.edu.au) or our Sports Administrator Mr Simon Dwyer (sdwyer@stpats.vic.edu.au) at the College with any questions.