



ASSOCIATION OF COEDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION





ACS MEMBER SCHOOLS

Bacchus Marsh Grammar (Associate Member)

Loyola College

Overnewton Anglican Community College

St Aloysius College

St Leonard's College

St Michael's Grammar School

Westbourne Grammar School

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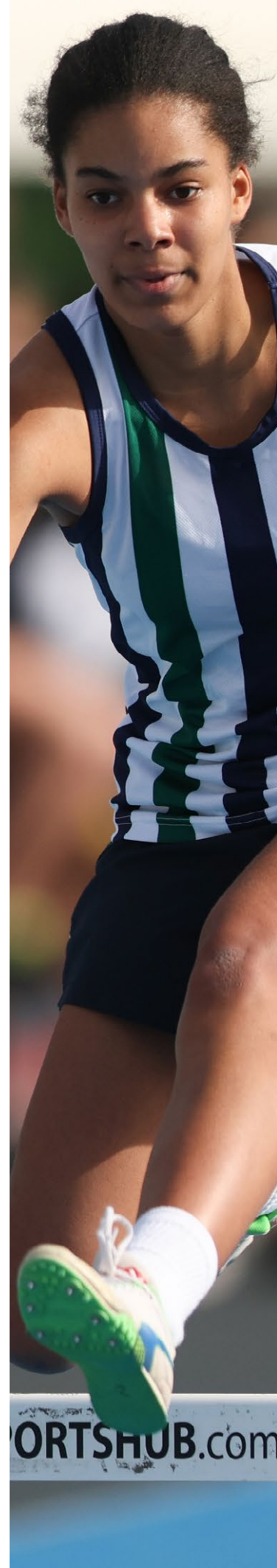
The Association of Coeducational Schools formed in 1998, when the five founding member schools came together, united by their shared values as schools and a commitment to sport as a valuable part of a holistic education for young people. Striving to create a sporting experience that met the needs of contemporary schools, ACS fosters spirited competition, breadth of engagement and valuable learning opportunities for all students. Our shared beliefs continue to drive and evolve the ACS today, as demonstrated in our values.

VALUES STATEMENT

Learning occurs in many forms and through a broad educational offering. The ACS values the striving for excellence in learning, character and performance. We believe that participation in sport teaches teamwork, resilience, discipline and courage, whilst developing an appreciation for the qualities of fair play. Through representing their school, we foster a sense of pride and connection in our students, whilst also learning the importance of respect for officials, opponents, coaches and volunteers.

BENEFITS OF THE ACS:

- A large-scale program, maximising student participation across a wide range of activities;
- A broad sports program for Years 7-12, allowing for development across time, and the chance to explore many sporting activities;
- 13 weekly sports across Summer and Winter seasons, including mixed sports to foster strong interpersonal skills and a life-long enjoyment of physical activity;
- Trainings and fixtures during the school week, enabling a balanced lifestyle for students, staff and families, including their participation in local and community sport on weekends;
- A supportive, inclusive and adaptive sports program catering for the needs of all students, whether competing at a high level, or those seeking social enjoyment and general fitness;
- Peak sporting events, to celebrate and foster excellence in performance and sportsmanship, including carnivals, awards ceremonies, special night games, and grand final matches;
- Competitions in both Public Speaking and Chess, to foster high levels of participation in a co-curricular program alongside sport;
- A program that understands and celebrates the vital role of coaches, umpires and officials in the development and enjoyment of sport for our students.
- An association that builds inter-school relationships and a shared focus on success for our students, where key stakeholders work together to ensure all understand and share the same goals and values.



"Representing St Aloysius for the first time in ACS has been an amazing experience. I have made great connections with people from my school and other schools. I have enjoyed playing in weekly matches and have learnt about new sports. Participating in ACS has been a terrific experience and has helped me grow so much."

– Annie-Rose (Year 7)

ACS MEMBER SCHOOL – St Aloysius



BENEFITS AND VALUE OF SCHOOL SPORT

The benefits of regular sport for young people are well researched and documented. These include; physical fitness and emotional wellbeing, a sense of belonging and inclusion, friendship, leadership development and responsibilities, fostering strong interpersonal skills, learning how to be a valued member of a team and showing respect for each other, skill development, and a pathway to the fulfillment of personal potential. Additionally, there is much evidence for positive academic outcomes for students who participate in regular sport or physical activity.



THE ACS IS DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF COEDUCATION, CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN ALL SPORTS AND FOR ALL STUDENTS

"It's a great opportunity to pursue our sporting passions in our sports as well as being with our friends and further our own skills, determination and motivation to become a better version of ourselves."

- Caden
Six time race winner ACS Cross Country - Loyola College



SPORTING FIXTURES: OVERVIEW

SCHEDULE:

ACS fixtures are played Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during each school term. There are two seasons of sport; Summer and Winter, each with 10 rounds of sport plus a grand final. The exception to this is Seniors who, in Summer only play 5 rounds, plus a grand final.

Match Times: Generally start at 2.15 pm or 2.30 pm, depending on the sport and location of the match.

Matches finish at approximately 3.45 pm - 4.00 pm, depending on the sport and school location, meaning that staff and students would return to school between 4.15 – 5.30pm.

DIVISIONS:

- Tuesdays – Year 7
- Wednesdays – Seniors (Years 10 - 12)
- Thursdays – Intermediate (Years 8 - 9)

TEAM ENTRY:

Member schools endeavour to enter the number of teams listed in the tables on the following page. These numbers are a guide with the intention to field first level teams in each sport, in senior and intermediate levels. There is an opportunity for schools to enter additional teams in the second levels of each sport according to student preferences and to maximise participation within their present structures.

Please note that the number of rounds in the home and away season is dependent on number of teams entered.

PREMIER TEAMS:

Premier teams have the opportunity to represent the ACS and their school at All Schools events, such as the Herald Sun Shield for Senior Boys and Girls Football, Melbourne City's Football (Soccer) Tournament, Cricket Victoria's Premier Teams competition, Basketball Victoria's Premier Schools' events, Golf and any other All Schools events supported by State or National sporting bodies.



"I love being able to develop my sports skills while competing against other schools. There's always positive energy and good vibes where everyone encourages each other."

-Bella
Westbourne Grammar School

"It's about that culture you can build and those lifelong relationships you're able to form with everyone while having fun and playing sport, being active and being able to have fun with your friends."

-Harry
Overnewton College



Summary of summer and winter sports and team numbers

For the current structure of ACS sport to function optimally, member schools should aim to field the base teams listed below. Additional teams can be entered.

The tables below represent the current 2024-2025 team entries as a reference.



SUMMER

Summer



SUMMER SPORTS

YEAR 7 SUMMER SPORTS

Girls Year 7	Base Teams	Team Numbers	Approx squad numbers	Boys Year 7	Base Teams	Team Numbers	Approx squad numbers
Soccer	1	11	14	Basketball	3	5	26
Softball	1	9	12	Cricket	1	11	14
Tennis	1	8	12	Hockey	1	11	14
Volleyball	3	6	27	Softball	1	9	12
				Table Tennis	1	10	12
Total	6		65 (45)	Total	7		80 (55)

GIRLS SUMMER SPORTS

Senior & Intermediate Girls	Base Teams	Team Numbers (per team)	NUMBER OF TEAMS (PER SCHOOL)											
			SENIORS						INTERMEDIATES					
			L	O	SA	SL	SM	W	L	O	SA	SL	SM	W
Soccer	2	11	1	2		1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2
Softball	2	9	2	2		2	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	2
Tennis	2	8	2	3		2	2	3	3	2	1	3	1	2
Volleyball	4	6	5	7		7	6	6	8	6	4	7	6	6
Total	10		10	14		12	11	14	15	11	6	14	10	12

BOYS SUMMER SPORTS

Senior & Intermediate Boys	Base Teams	Team Numbers (per team)	NUMBER OF TEAMS (PER SCHOOL)											
			SENIORS						INTERMEDIATES					
			L	O	SL	SM	W	L	O	SL	SM	W		
Basketball	4	5	6	5	7	6	5	8	7	7	6	6		
Cricket	2	11	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2		
Futsal	3	5	3	5	3	2	4	Not Applicable						
Hockey	2	11	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2		
Softball	2	9	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2		
Table Tennis	2	10	2	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2		
Total	15		15	18	17	15	18	17	15	16	14	14		
Mixed Lawn Bowls	1	12-16	1	1	1	1	1							

Winter



WINTER SPORTS

YEAR 7 WINTER SPORTS

Girls Year 7	Base Teams	Team Numbers	Approx squad numbers	Boys Year 7	Base Teams	Team Numbers	Approx squad numbers
Basketball	2	5	16	Football	1	22	26
Hockey	1	11	14	Soccer	2	11	28
Netball	2	7	18	Tennis	1	8	12
Table Tennis	1	8	10	Volleyball	2	6	16
AFL 10's	1	10	12				
Badminton (Mixed)	0.5	4	6	Badminton (Mixed)	0.5	4	6
Total	7.5		76(54)	Total	5.5		88(68)

GIRLS WINTER SPORTS

Senior & Intermediate Girls	Base Teams	Team Numbers (per team)	NUMBER OF TEAMS (PER SCHOOL)											
			SENIORS						INTERMEDIATES					
			L	O	SL	SM	W	L	O	SA	SL	SM	W	
Basketball	3	5	3	4	3	2	2	4	4	2	5	2	3	
Football	1	16	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	
Futsal	2	5	1	1	1	0	1	Not Applicable						
Hockey	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	
Netball	4	7	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	
Table Tennis	2	8	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	
Total	13		12	14	13	9	12	14	12	6	15	10	12	

BOYS WINTER SPORTS

Senior & Intermediate Boys	Base Teams	Team Numbers (per team)	NUMBER OF TEAMS (PER SCHOOL)											
			SENIORS						INTERMEDIATES					
			L	O	SL	SM	W	L	O	SL	SM	W		
Football	2	18	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Soccer	3	11	3	4	2	2	4	3	3	4	2	3		
Tennis	2	8	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2		
Volleyball	3	6	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4		
Total	10		10	14	11	10	12	11	11	12	10	11		
Mixed Badminton	1		2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	3		

Venues

Schools arrange and pay for home game venues. Venue requirements are specified in the rules of each sport.

Umpires/Referees

Home Schools are required to supply and pay the following umpires and referees and away schools provide umpires/referees where noted.

ACS manages a panel of Australian Rules Football umpires for which schools are invoiced for all senior home games and any Year 7 and Intermediate home game umpire appointment requests. ACS partners with the the Victorian Cricket Umpires Association to provide umpires for all cricket matches. The home team is invoiced for umpires.

SPORT	YEAR / LEVEL	HOME AND AWAY	FINALS
Badminton	All levels (mixed)	Staff & Students from each school	Same as home and away
Basketball	All levels	2 Accredited Referees	Same as home and away
Cricket	Years 7 & Intermediate (& 2 nd XI):	2 Umpires: 1 Badged umpire (not a coach) provided by host school. Square leg umpire will be the coach of the team fielding.	Two umpires provided by VCUA
	1 st XI:	2 Umpires: provided by the VCUA (D.Holt).	
Football	Year 7 Boys & 7 Girls & Intermediate B Boys & Intermediate Girls	Year 7 Boys & 7 Girls & Inter Boys B & Inter Girls: 1 accredited umpire (provided by the home team)	All levels appointed ACS Director of Umpiring
	Intermediate Boys A:	Intermediate Boys A: 2 accredited umpires	
	Senior Boys:	Senior Boys: 2 field umpires appointed by ACS Director of Umpires. 1 boundary & 1 goal umpire from each school.	
	Senior Girls:	Senior Girls: 1 field umpire appointed by ACS Director of Umpiring. 1 goal umpire from each school.	
		All Senior Boys & Senior Girls field umpires are appointed by the ACS Director of Umpires	
Futsal	Seniors	1 Badged Referee (provided by the home team)	Same as home and away
Hockey	All levels	2 Accredited Umpires (provided by the home team)	Appointed by ACS
Lawn Bowls	Seniors (mixed)		
Netball	Years 7 & Intermediate & Seniors:	2 Umpires (provided by the home team)	Same as home and away
Soccer	Years 7 & Intermediate & 2 nd XI:	1 Referee (provided by the home team) 1 Referee; each school provides one lines person	Same as home and away
	1 st XI:	1 referee and 2 accredited lines people (provided by the home team)	All levels should have an official lines person
Softball	Years 7 - 12	Home Team: Provides 1 Badged Softball Umpire Visiting Team: Provides Base Umpire	Should be an official Softball umpire as main umpire
Table Tennis	Years 7 - 12	Staff & Students from each school	Same as home and away
Tennis	Years 7 - 12	Staff & Students from each school	Same as home and away
Volleyball	Years 7 - Intermediate & Senior 3 rd onwards	Shared by coaches, one from each school and must be able to umpire	An external accredited umpire required, for All year levels. 1 st require a line umpire as well
	Seniors 1 st & 2 nd	Schools shall appoint accredited umpires with priority for 1 st if not enough umpires are available	



SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ACS offers three major championships; athletics, swimming and cross country. Each carnival has its own unique quality which evokes a strong sense of community and camaraderie amongst students from different schools. These events are highly anticipated by our students who undertake dedicated training and skill development programs to achieve their best results and represent their schools with pride. We also have our annual chess tournament and public speaking event which are always a highlight on the ACS calendar.

- **Swimming:** Held in Term 1 usually on the Tuesday after the Labour Day long weekend at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Swimmers compete in 116 events in individual and relay events.
- **Athletics:** Held mid Term 2 around the end of May at Lakeside Stadium. The program consists of 168 events.
- **Cross Country:** Held in Term 3 on a Friday in late August at Bundoora Park. Schools may enter as many competitors as they wish.



HALL OF FAME



THE HALL OF FAME RECOGNISES THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF CURRENT AND FORMER STUDENTS.

AWARDS

The ACS All Stars recognises the best senior players from all member schools in all sports played at ACS. Through a nomination process the best players from across the senior competition are selected as "All Stars" and are presented with their awards at the ACS All Stars Presentations held annually and hosted by schools on a rotational basis.



The ACS participates in awarding the Landy Awards which recognises demonstrated exceptional/outstanding acts of sportsmanship during and out of competition, acts of fair play during competition and acts of cooperation, courtesy and respect to officials and opposing players.

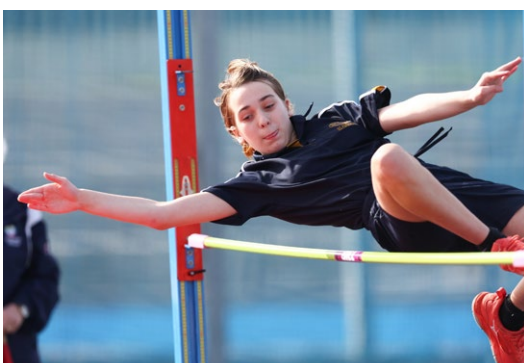




CHESS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENTS:

Chess and Public Speaking are very popular annual events. The ACS Chess Competition is held in either week 5 or 6 of Term 2 and Public Speaking is held in Term 3 around week 6 or 7 in the evening.







APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any Victorian secondary coeducational school is eligible to apply for membership of the ACS. Applications must be made in writing to the Executive Officer of the Association. Acceptance into the Association will be made by the Principals of member schools.

FULL MEMBERSHIP:

Participation in the weekly sporting competitions for Years 7 – 12, plus all swimming, athletics and cross country championships, chess and public speaking events.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Competing in the athletics, cross country, swimming, public speaking and chess events.

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