

# ST. LAURENCE'S COLLEGE CO-CURRICULAR SPORTS PROGRAM POLICY FOR OLD BOY INVOLVEMENT



## **Rationale**

St. Laurence's College is a Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition. Sport is an integral component of a broad inclusive education and the developmental experience that St. Laurence's College offers.

St. Laurence's Old Boys are important members of the greater college community. Old Boys have the opportunity to contribute to the college's sports program so as to shape the lives of the students within the college well after they have departed their own formal schooling. This document outlines the guidelines for Old Boy involvement.

## **Objectives of the College Co-curricular Sports Program**

At St. Laurence's College the Co-curricular Sports Program will endeavour to:

1. Give every student the opportunity to reach their sporting potential and achieve success as an individual and as a part of a team in a supportive, enjoyable environment.
2. Encourage the development of health benefits, health knowledge and sporting skills across a variety of sports to allow students the ability to become life-long participators in physical activity.
3. Offer our students the opportunity to experience quality coaching to allow the best possible chance of skill development to occur.
4. Encourage students to enjoy sport as a recreation.

## **Old Boy Involvement**

1. In consultation with the Principal and the Dean of Staff, the Director of Sport leads the Co-curricular Sports Program at the College. This includes the College's commitment to the AIC, as well as non-association sports and representative sport. The Director of Sport leads the team of Directors and Coordinators for individual sports and the associated coaching and administrative staff. The Director of Sport is the point of contact within the College for any enquiries and offers for assistance with respect to the Co-curricular Sports Program.

2. Old Boys have the opportunity to participate in the Co-curricular Sports Program in either a coaching or officiating role. Coaching appointments may include:
  - a. Coach of a stand-alone team,
  - b. Assistant coach of stand alone teams or age/year group, and
  - c. Coach/assistant coach in the pre-season development of squads.
3. Old Boys willing to offer assistance with the Co-curricular Sports Program should register their interest through the Director of Sport.
4. Appointments of Old Boys to coaching and officiating roles are made by the Principal after consultation between the Dean of Staff, Director of Sport and Directors of Individual Sports.
5. Old Boys appointed to roles within the Co-curricular Sports Program are required to:
  - a. Hold a current Blue Card pursuant to the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000*.
  - b. Follow the AIC Code of Behaviour and relevant EREA policy including the EREA Student/Child Protection Policy and the EREA Code of Conduct for Interacting with Children and Young People.
  - c. Uphold the highest standards of professional and sporting behaviour and role model this to the boys.