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ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

YEAR 5 SPORT ORIENTATION

2027 COHORT

LAURIES SPORT

Sport at St Laurence's College is an important part of any boy's Lauries Journey. The College's sports program aims to offer students multiple opportunities to participate across a breadth of sports and activities, regardless of their sporting background or ability.

St Laurence's College has a proud sporting tradition across a number of different sports. The College competes in the Associated Independent Schools (AIC) competition and achieves excellent results across all AIC Sports. It is hoped that the 2027 cohort of Year 5 students will build on this strong tradition and they develop both the positive physical and personal attributes that sport has the potential to build.

This information booklet outlines the general sporting information required for Year 5 students commencing their Lauries Journey in 2027. It also contains important information regarding Term 1 sport and the commencement of trials for these sports in January 2027. It is important that parents please read the information included in this booklet carefully.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – TERM 1 SPORT

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SPORTS OFFICE CONTACT

We understand this transition can be daunting for not only students, but also for parents. Therefore, if you have a query leading up to your son commencing in 2027, please do not hesitate to contact the Sports Office. The College Sports Office can be contacted by email (sports@slc.qld.edu.au) or phone (3010 1120).

Please note: The College Sports Office will be closed from 3pm Friday 18th December 2026 to 8am Monday 11th January 2027. Periodically over this period, enquiries received via email and recorded message will be responded to.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPORTS OFFICE, COLLEGE APP AND CLIPBOARD

In the early stages of your son's Lauries Journey, parents will receive several emails from the College Sports Office outlining events and information. This information will also be placed on the respective sport page on the College App. Progressively, email communication to the community will be reduced and the College App will become the primary source of information for students and parents. All families are strongly encouraged to download the College App. Please see instructions below.

Parents are also encouraged to download the 'Clipboard' App. Team fixtures and Teams lists will be made available weekly through this App. Available for Android and Apple, download the App today via the QR codes below and personalise alerts based on your son/s Year Level, House and interests.

ANDROID

APPLE

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents are encouraged to be active and positive supporters of their son's Lauries Sporting Journey. There are numerous ways parents can be involved and they include assisting with officiating fixtures (umpiring, scoring, qualified referees), donating time to support the Lauries Community Committee (LCC) with their BBQ's and Canteens at sporting events and being positive role models for their children regarding the support of school sport. In some instances, assistance from parents with coaching may be sought.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT PATHWAY- DISTRICT/ REGION/ STATE

The College is a member of the Central Sharks representative pathway. District trials are held periodically throughout the year. The College is limited to the number of students we can send to district trials. Upcoming trials will be advertised through the College App and students must see the College Sports Office if they would like to express an interest to attend. Only students nominated by the College can attend district trials.

2027 YEAR 5 SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

SPORT	TEAM PARTICIPATION	COMPETITION TIMING	TERM
CRICKET	Year 5 A-C teams *"Colours Cup" competition held on a Friday afternoon*	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	TERM 1
AFL	Year 5- A-C teams	7 Round AIC Competition played on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning at Various Venues **Competition Day TBC*	
SWIMMING	Preseason Meets and Swimming Age Championships– Unrestricted AIC Championship Team - Selected	Friday afternoon pre championship meets (various locations) AIC Championships- March (Chandler)	
RUGBY	Unlimited Teams	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	TERM 2
FOOTBALL	Unlimited Teams	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	
CHESS	Junior (Year 5 and 6)- A and B teams only Colours Cup Competition	7 Round AIC Competition played on Friday afternoon (Home and Away) Colours Cup played mid-week	
CROSS COUNTRY	Preseason Meets- Unrestricted AIC Championship Team- Selected	Wednesday afternoon pre championship meets (various locations) AIC Championships- June (Curlew Park)	
BASKETBALL	Year 5- 4 Teams (A-D)*"Colours Cup" competition held on a Friday afternoon*	7 Round AIC Competition played on Friday afternoon (Home and Away)	TERM 3
TENNIS	Years 5- A and B teams only	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	
RUGBY LEAGUE	Years 5- A team only	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	
TRACK AND FIELD	Preseason Meets- Unrestricted AIC Championship Team- Selected	Friday afternoon pre championship meets (various locations) AIC Championships- October (QSAC)	TERM 3 AND 4
GOLF	AIC Championship- 1 Team only (based on AGU Handicap)	AIC Championships- May	TERM 4
TOUCH	Primary (Year 5 and 6)- Two teams	Primary All Schools Championships – November	

2027 YEAR 5 SPORTS TERM 1 TRIAL INFORMATION

AFL

The College will select three Year 5 AFL teams. Each team will consist of 16 players. All teams will train once a week, on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm - 2.45pm at Coorparoo AFL Club. A bus will be provided to and from training sessions. The A team will have a second training session each week (Thursday morning 7am-8am). Fixtures will be played on a Saturday morning.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 19 January	8.15 – 9.30am	Coorparoo AFC
Thursday 21 January	8.15 – 9.30am	Coorparoo AFC

If you have any queries regarding the Year 5 AFL trials, please contact the Primary AFL Coordinator Mr Adam Fry afry@slc.qld.edu.au

CRICKET

The College will select three Year 5 cricket teams. Students selected in A and B teams will train twice per week, and students selected the C team will train once per week. The venues, days and times of these training sessions will be confirmed early in 2027. If you have any questions about the Year 5 Cricket trials, please contact the Primary Cricket Coordinator – Mr Joe Oberholzer joberholzer@slc.qld.edu.au.

Initial Trial

- Thursday 21 January – 7:00am – 9:00am Gair Field Cricket Nets, St Laurence's College.

Year 5 Trial Games

- Saturday 30 January – v Iona (Times and Venue TBC).

Team Announcements

Teams will be announced on Monday 1st February. All teams will play Round 1 on Saturday 6 February (AIC Competition).

SWIMMING

The College will select two squads for the AIC swimming season.

The Black Squad is a performance-based squad. Students selected for this squad will train at the Yeronga Park Swimming Complex from 6:45am to 7:45am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The Gold Squad is a participation squad, and all St Laurence's College students are welcome to attend. The Gold Squad will train on Fridays from 6:45am to 7:45am.

All students in both the Black and Gold Squads are encouraged to compete in the AIC Warm-Up Meets, held on Friday evenings, and the St Laurence's College Swimming Age Championships.

Students will be continually assessed throughout the season and may move between the Black and Gold Squads based on their performances and commitment. The final College team to compete at the AIC Swimming Championships in early March will be selected from these squads.

2027 Primary and Year 7 Holiday Swim Clinic

The College will again conduct a 2-day holiday swim clinic for students in Years 5-7 on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th January from 7:45am-9:45am at Yeronga Park Swimming Complex. This is a great way for students to meet each other before the school year commences.

Black and Gold training squad lists will be announced on Thursday 21st January. Students who miss the trial, should contact the Director of Swimming – Ms Meg Jacobs mjacobs@slc.qld.edu.au.

*Students interested in swimming at Lauries are also invited to attend the "Come and Try" swim session, which will be held at the Yeronga Park Swimming Complex on Friday 25 September. The session will commence at 6:30am and is a great opportunity for students to experience the swimming program and meet current squad members and coaches.

IMPORTANT REMINDER
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YEAR 5 SIGN ON

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it compulsory for my son to play school sport?

At St Laurence's College, we strongly encourage every boy to take advantage of the opportunities that are available outside the classroom and this includes sport. Sport participation is an excellent opportunity for boys to build on the relationships that grow within a community and for parents to engage in their son's Lauries Journey.

What costs are involved in playing sport at St Laurence's College?

The majority of costs involved with participating in sporting activities are included in annual College fees. The primary cost involved in participating in a St Laurence's College sporting program is associated with the purchase of the appropriate school playing uniform. All uniform items required are available from the College shop.

In some cases, there will be holiday clinics, preseason camps for school sport. These extra activities are optional and often will involve a registration fee to attend.

Can my son play both school sport and club sport?

St Laurence's College is understanding that many students play for local clubs in a number of different sports. The College sees great benefit in students being able to play both club and school sport. The College aims to work with the student, parent and clubs to allow this to occur. This includes negotiating when clashes occur.

Can my son participate in multiple sports in each term?

Students are only permitted to participate in one team sport in each AIC season (per term). Students can participate in one team sport, as well as an individual championship sport (e.g. Swimming/Cross Country/Track and Field).

When is training and games for school sport?

During Semester 1, the majority of training sessions for Primary School Sport are held during school time on a Tuesday afternoon (1.15pm - 3pm). Some training sessions for certain teams will be held either immediately before school or immediately after school. The majority of fixtures for Year 5's will be on Saturday morning, with the notable exceptions being preseason championship sport meets (e.g. swimming) being held on a Friday afternoon. In Term 3, Primary Basketball is also held on a Friday afternoon.

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