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ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

YEAR 7 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 sport and activities, regardless of their sporting background or ability.

St Laurence's College has a proud sporting tradition across 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 7 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 7 students commencing their secondary school Lauries Journey in 2027. It also contains important information regarding Term 1 Sport and the commencement of trials, including 'Come and Try' sessions for these sports in Term 4, 2026. 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 11 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 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 is 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 District School Sport representative pathways. 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 7 SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

SPORT	TEAM PARTICIPATION	COMPETITION TIMING	TERM
CRICKET	Year 7 A-C Teams	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	TERM 1
AFL	Year 7 A/B - 2 Teams	7 Round AIC Competition played on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning at Various Venues **Competition Day TBC*	
SWIMMING	Preseason & Swimming Age Championships - Unrestricted AIC Championship Team - Selected	Friday afternoon pre championship meets (various locations) AIC Championships- March (Chandler)	
VOLLEYBALL	Year 7 A-D teams Colours Cup competition (unlimited)	A-D teams- 7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away) Colours Cup- Friday afternoons	
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	Intermediate (Year 7-9) - A and B teams only Colours Cup Competition (unlimited)	7 Round AIC Competition played on Friday afternoon (Home and Away) Colours Cup played mid-week	
GOLF	AIC Championship - 1 Team only (based on AGU Handicap)	AIC Championships- October	
CROSS COUNTRY	Preseason Meets-Unrestricted AIC Championship Team - Selected	Wednesday afternoon pre championship meets (various locations) AIC Championships- June (Curlew Park)	
BASKETBALL	Year 7 - 4 Teams (A-D)	7 Round AIC Competition played on Friday afternoon (Home and Away)	TERM 3
TENNIS	Years 7 - A and B teams only	7 Round AIC Competition played on Saturday (Home and Away)	
RUGBY LEAGUE	Years 7 – A and B teams 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
TOUCH	1 Team - Opens	Queensland All Schools Championships – October	TERM 4

2027 YEAR 7 SPORTS TERM 1 TRIAL INFORMATION

AFL

The College will select two Year 7 AFL teams. Each team will consist of 22 - 25 players. The teams will train twice a week. Transport will be provided for students to or from the College before or after training sessions. Fixtures will be played on a Saturday morning.

Trial 1 – Thursday 5th November, 6:30am – 7:45am, Coorparoo AFC.*
Trial 2 – Thursday 12th November, 3:15pm-4:30pm, Gair Field SLC.

* SLC boys will be transported back to the college after the morning training session.

- Further Trials will be conducted in Term 1 2027 to confirm teams for Round 1 AIC fixtures

If you have any questions regarding the Year 7 AFL trials, please contact the SLC Sports Office - sports@slc.qld.edu.au

CRICKET

The College will select three Year 7 Cricket teams. All teams will train at least once a week, on a Tuesday afternoon (1.30pm - 2.45pm). The A and B teams will also train on a Thursday afternoon (3pm - 4.15pm). Both sessions will be held on Gair Field.

Trials 2027

- Friday 22nd January – 7:00am – 9:00am Gair Field Cricket Nets, St Laurence's College.

Year 7 Trial Games

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

Team Announcements

Teams will be announced on Friday 29th January. All teams will play Round 1 on Saturday 6 February (AIC Competition).

If you have any questions regarding the Year 7 Cricket trials, please contact the Director of Cricket, Mr Grant Anderson ganderson@slc.qld.edu.au.

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.

Holiday Swim Clinic: The College will again conduct a 2-day holiday swim clinic for students in Years 5-7 on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 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.

Preliminary AIC Meets

Throughout the early part of Term 1 there will be a number of preliminary swimming meets hosted by other AIC Schools. –See meet schedule below. Boys who intend on representing the school at the AIC Championships are expected to be at each of these meets.

Date	AIC Meet
Friday 5 February	Venue- IONA College
Friday 12 February	Venue- IONA College
Friday 19 February	SLC AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS Venue- Yeronga Park Swimming Complex
Thursday 25 February	Venue- Sleeman Aquatic Centre (Chandler)

Transport to AIC Swim Meets

Students will be transported by bus to all meets. The bus will leave the College at 3:10pm. Students will be responsible for their own afternoon tea to have before their event/s. It is parents' responsibility to collect boys from the swim meet venue after their event/s or at the completion of the meet.

AIC Championships

The AIC Championships will be held on Tuesday 9th March at Chandler Aquatic Centre.

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

VOLLEYBALL

The College will select four Year 7 Volleyball teams. These teams will be graded A - D. These teams will consist of a total of approximately 40 students. The A and B teams will train twice a week, and the C and D team will train once a week. AIC Volleyball fixtures will be played on a Saturday morning. Students who do not get selected in one of the four AIC Volleyball teams will be invited to participate in the College's internal Colours Cup Competition on a Friday afternoon commencing on Friday 6 February.

2027 Trials

Trial 1 - Friday 6th November, 3:10pm-5:00pm, SLC Sports Centre
Trial 2 - Friday 13th November, 3:10pm-5:00pm, SLC Sports Centre

AIC Trials:

Trial 1 – Saturday 14th November vs St Edmund's College (A & B squads only)
Trial 2 – Saturday 21st November vs Villanova College (A-D squads)

- Final AIC season teams will be announced on Thursday 28th January. These four teams will play a full school trial on Saturday 30th January vs Iona College. Students not selected in an AIC team (A-D) will be invited to participate in the Colours Cup competition commencing on Friday 5th February.

If you have any questions about the Year 7 Volleyball trials, please contact the Director of Volleyball, Mr Tim McKennariey - tmckennariey@slc.qld.edu.au

IMPORTANT REMINDER
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YEAR 7 SIGN ON

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 30th 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?

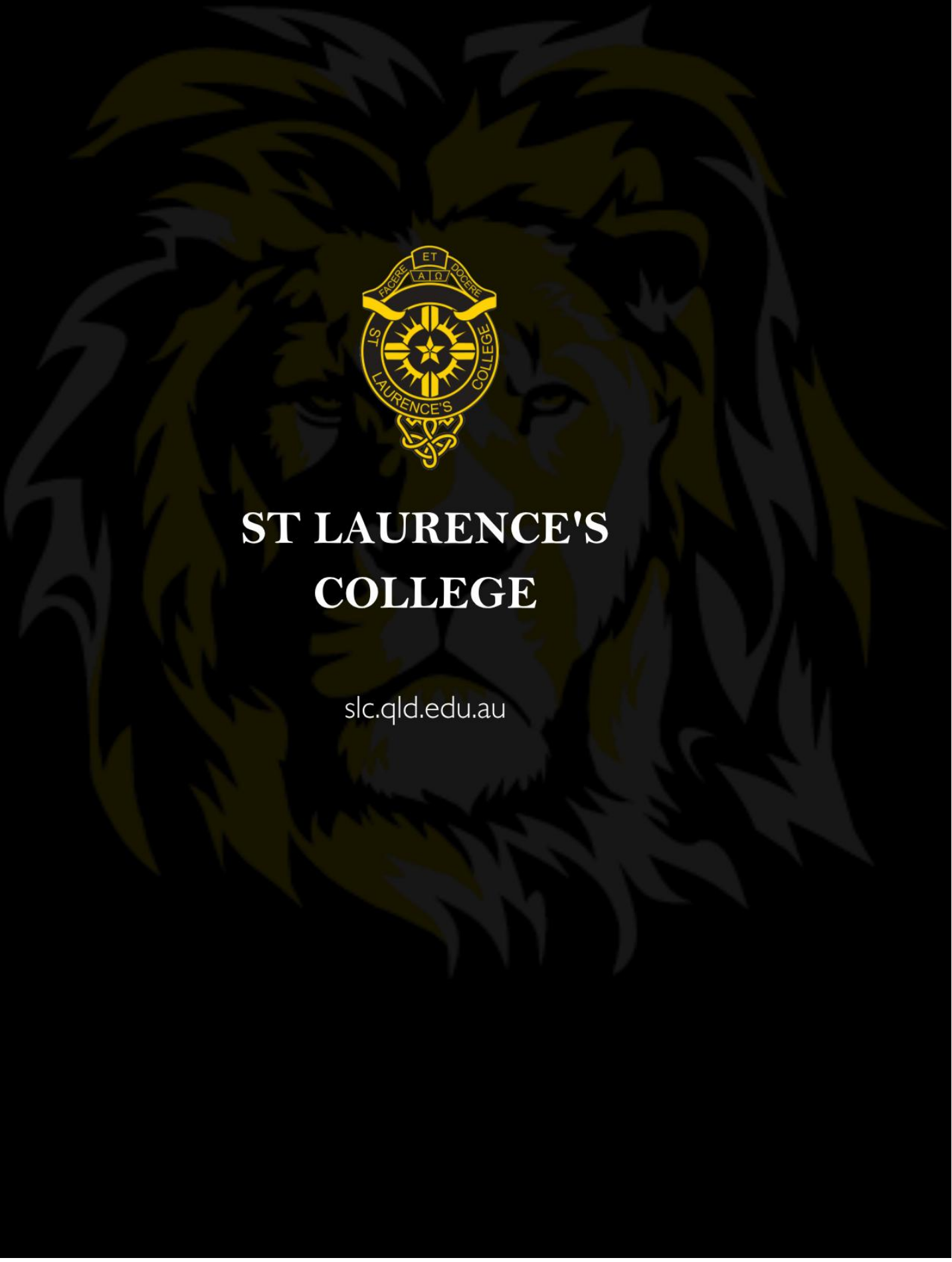
St Laurence's College is understanding that many students play for local clubs in a number of different sports. The College sees great benefit in students being able to play both club and school sport. The College aims to work with the student, parent and clubs to allow this to occur. This includes negotiating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