

After school sports at MPS

Our school encourages students to become physically active and participate in the After School Sports Program. Students are able to develop relationships with classmates and other peers as well as skills and attributes such as team work, self-confidence and leadership.

How can I get my child involved in After School Sport?

After school sports is played from year 2 onwards at MPS. Students and parents are notified when the Summer and Winter season "Sport Nominations" process commences, usually in the first few weeks of each season. Talk to your child about what sports they would prefer to do and simply complete all sections of the nomination form by the date provided. Payments are compulsory and are to be made as part of the nomination. Reception to Yr. 1 students can participate in programs such as Auskick, NetSetGo, In2Cricket and other sports clinics. These will be advertised by the school.

What sports? - At MPS the following sports are currently offered; Basketball, Cricket, AFL Football, Netball, Soccer and Volleyball. The Summer season runs over term 4 and term 1 of the following calendar year, and the Winter season is term 2 and 3. If the school community would like to introduce further sports then that is encouraged, remembering that after school sports is primarily a community lead activity.

What time commitment will it require throughout the season? - All sports teams traditionally have one training session per week. Training and match programs are distributed at the beginning of the season. Games are either weeknights or Saturdays.

Coaching and active community support - After School Sport relies on volunteer parents who opt to coach or manage a team. On the nomination form there are tick boxes for volunteering to be a coach or support. At MPS coaches of after school sport are parents/caregivers - the team cannot go ahead without a coach. Coaching is not primarily a matter of deeply knowing the sport, that's easily learned. It's more about having someone to organise the team, teach them basic skills, playing rules, and having fun. If we are not successful in sourcing coaches/support then unfortunately teams cannot play for that season.

What do coaches do? - Some of the roles of a coach/manager include - making a roster for the captain so each child gets a turn during the season, organising training, advising families of game time/s and location/s, handing out uniforms, looking after the kit and taking it to training and games each week, organising prior to each training session.

Uniform - MPS sports require a uniform, the school issues parts of uniform such as soccer, football and basketball tops. The coach will advise what is expected for each sport.

Sports Presentations - A Sports Presentation event is held at the conclusion of each season for all teams who have been part of our After School Sports program. Players will be awarded a participation medal and coaches and managers will be acknowledged for their efforts.

MPS - AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS COMMITTEE (ASSC)

The ASSC comprises of a Convenor, the school Principal, sports coordinators (parents who have joined the committee to contribute to after school sports at MPS)

The Committee;

- Reports directly to the Schools Governing Council.
- Oversees the management and coaching of all teams, equipment, budgets and is responsible for the general management of After School Sport.

The Committee undertakes the following:

- Meets once per term.
- Receive updates from Coordinators in their respective sports.
- Address any issues that arise within sport.
- Review the After School Sports Policy and plans future directions for sport at MPS

Sports Coordinators;

Sports Coordinators are predominantly Parents or Care Providers who have a child involved with that particular sport.

Sports Coordinators provide a small summary report back to the committee at each meeting (during that sports season).

The Sports Coordinator is the primary point of contact between the sport specific Association, Coaches/Managers and MPS Admin Staff.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Actively promote and recruit of players, coaches, managers to team(s).
- Attend sport association meetings as a representative of MPS
- Attend Sport Committee Meetings
- Assist with SAPSASA selection process in conjunction with P.E Teacher if required
- Stay informed of and resolve any issues relating to that particular sport
- Responsibility to ensure that sport is running smoothly