



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

29th March, 2016

Dear AFL Parents

Welcome to the inaugural St Pius Junior AFL Season. Whilst training is underway, there is still much preparation to be done before Rd 1 next term. Whilst I appreciate there is a lot of information outlined below, it is all pertinent, so please take the time to understand your son's requirements for this season.

Some important dates to take note of:

- **Thursdays:** Training during sport (Oxford Falls).
- **Saturday 30th April:** Round 1 of the Competition (see draw attached).

Season Structure:

The IPSHA Competition will be administered by AFL NSW. Our fixtures will all be at neutral venues throughout the inner Sydney region.

Uniform requirements:

- **Boots:** must be moulded (eg. blades)
- **Mouthguards:** are compulsory and may be purchased from a local chemist, dentist or the Uniform Shop.
- **Clothing:** School AFL jersey and shorts will be provided for hire (included in the season levy). Socks (same as Rugby/ Football/ Softball) are available from the uniform shop. Any suitable gear can be worn for training.
- **Protective gear:** Optional and can be used at the discretion of the player/parent.

Registration & Availability:

There is a \$90 fee associated with playing AFL for St Pius. This covers registration, uniform hire and equipment, and will be charged to Term 3 accounts. Please note:

- **Boys who choose to play for the school make a commitment for the season and priority must be given to the school over a club side.**
- Should your son be unavailable due to absence or illness, please inform myself or the coach in advance or a team-mate if possible on the day.

IPSHA Policy:

Our governing body laws require parents and supporters to act as positive role models for the boys. Please support your sons with positive contributions and good sportsmanship.

No parents or spectators are allowed on the field during play or during half-time.

* An IPSHA 'Codes of Conduct' form is uploaded alongside this document.

Wet Weather:

Follow us Twitter for up-to-the-minute updates concerning cancellations, late changes etc. The feed syncs to the school website.

Twitter Feed – **@SPXJuniorSport** - Sign up details in Woodchatta and on the College website.
St Pius Website update - <http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/> (wet weather details)

Training:

We train one day per week, at sport each Thursday. We hope to also utilise guest coaches and players provided by the AFL to assist at some of these sessions

Season Draw:

The Season Draw 2016, including venue details for opposition teams is still being finalised by the AFL. Hopefully we will have it shortly to distribute to parents. **Please check the Woodchatta (online) each Wednesday afternoon for changes to venues or start times that may arise during the course of the season.**

Parental Assistance:

Each game we require a parent to act in the role of goal umpire. Please offer your assistance as, and when able on the day.

I look forward to an enjoyable, progressive and successful season.

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AFL Coach

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