



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

6th February, 2017

Dear Parents

Your son has been chosen to represent St Pius as part of the Basketball Squad for Term 1. Team lists and a season draw are posted on the website (<http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/beyond-classroom/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=139>). Please read the following information carefully.

Games / Cancellations:

Please check the season draw each week for match and venue details. Also, keep an eye on the Woodchatta (emailed to you and on the School website) for any changes that may arise. Boys are required for a warm-up at the venue 20 minutes prior to tip-off. They should bring their own water bottle to training and matches.

Some games throughout the season are played on outdoor courts (marked on the draw). Cancellations and changes will be communicated to you as follows:

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/>

Should your son be unavailable due to illness or absence, please contact me at the school or, if after hours, contact your team manager.

Training:

Being part of the Basketball Squad involves a commitment not only to the 6 Saturday games, but also to training. Session one for each player is held at Oxford falls as part of Thursday sport. An additional session occurs at Chatswood campus as follows:

- **A, B teams:** Tuesday afternoons from 3 – 4.30pm (beginning Tues 14th Feb)
- **C, D, teams:** Monday afternoons from 3 – 4.30pm (beginning Mon 13th Feb)
- **E, F teams:** Monday mornings from 7.30am – 8.30am (beginning Mon 13th Feb)
- **G, H teams:** Monday afternoons from 3 – 4.30pm (beginning Mon 13th Feb)
- **I, J teams:** Tuesday mornings from 7.30am – 8.30am (beginning Tues 14th Feb)
- **K, L teams:** Tuesday afternoons from 3 – 4.30pm (beginning Tues 14th Feb)

Coaches:

- **A, B teams:** Mr Greg Virgona
- **C, D teams:** Mr Abe Bulgin (external)
- **E, F teams:** Ms Emily O'Donovan
- **G, H teams:** Mr Phill Matevski (external)
- **I, J teams:** Ms Faith Bulgin (external)
- **K, L teams:** Mr Michael Simpson

Uniform:

Non-playing gear: Boys are to wear school sports wear only (may include a school tracksuit) to games. *Casual attire is not acceptable.*

Footwear: Sturdy closed shoes with suitable grip and white socks should be worn.

Shorts: School PE shorts are adequate. Alternatively, School basketball shorts may be purchased from the Uniform Shop at your discretion.

Singlet: All boys will be issued a singlet on loan which is to be worn for the season. Should this not be returned, boys will be charged for a replacement (\$40)

Season Levy:

A small levy of \$50 is required to cover the cost of singlet hire, referees and additional coaching and will be charged to Term 2 Fees. Please do not send cash or cheques.

Basketball Club:

The School Basketball Club supports Basketball at St Pius via a number of initiatives:

- Running the Canteen (and BBQ) at Oxford Falls each Saturday
- Recruiting parental managers for each team.
- Allocating parents to assist with benching duties on a Saturday
- Fundraising to support our players in a Basketball capacity

They would greatly appreciate the support of parents in two ways:

1. **Contact details** – so they can liaise with Basketball parents about games, draws, events, etc.
2. **Pledges of assistance** – parents to help with scoring, manning the canteen etc. This is not meant to be onerous or time consuming but rather any volunteer assistance that you may be able to afford (eg. manning the Saturday canteen for an hour or two once during the season)

The Club will contact you with further information. Should you be willing to partake in either of the above, please respond to their email which will follow shortly.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday mornings.

Mr Greg Virgona
Junior School Sportsmaster