



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

6th April, 2017

Dear Football Parents

Welcome to the St Pius Junior Football season 2017. Whilst we have been trialling and training for some weeks, 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 for the duration of the season:** Training during sport (Oxford Falls).
- **Saturday 29th April (Term 2):** Round 1 of the IPSHA Competition.

Uniform requirements:

- **Boots:** can be moulded (eg. blades) or screw-in (aluminium, plastic or rubber studs).
- **Clothing:** School jersey, shorts and socks must be worn for all games. Any football gear (or practical clothes) can be worn during training and Sport.
- **Protective gear:** Shin-pads are compulsory for all matches and training sessions. Other protective gear may be worn at the player's discretion.

Registration & Availability:

There is a \$100 fee associated with playing Football at St Pius. This covers registration, referees 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.** From time to time coaches, *at their discretion*, may release a player from a Saturday game if numbers allow.
- **Boys will be notified of their team this term, though this is preliminary and may change before or during the competition, subject to form, illness, absence etc.**
- 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.

Training:

We train one day per week, at sport each Thursday. Professional coaches are employed to assist our school staff on a Thursday. The Football Club kindly provide significant financial support to ensure highly qualified coaches deliver all football training sessions.

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:

Whilst our grounds at Oxford Falls are superb and matches would rarely be cancelled, we are at the mercy of opposition and local councils for many 'away' fixtures. Follow me on 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)

Season Draw:

The Season Draw 2017, including venue details for opposition teams is attached and has also been posted on the school website and Portal. *There may be changes throughout the season.* **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 and the SPX Football Club:

SPX Football Club (a P&F club) supports the junior football program by providing specialist coaches for all training sessions and many match days. You, as parents, can further support your son's by:

- Volunteering as a manager. Team managers assist coaches as required on match days, and assist players' families with information exchange from the coach or the club. The FC has meetings 1-2 times per term, and manages the BBQ roster at Oxford Falls

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

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