



MaristCollege
Canberra

TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN

SPORTS POLICY

The sports policy of Marist College Canberra applies equally to all Marist students from Years 4 to 12. While it is not absolutely required that a boy plays sport for the College it is highly popular amongst boys and families and a means by which boys and families can actively participate in the life of the College.

If a Marist student elects to play a sport offered by the College it is expected that he will play for Marist College. Sports in which students can participate include:

Athletics, Australian Football (AFL), Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Judo, Rowing, Rugby, Snow Sports and Swimming.

A Marist student is permitted to play a sport for a club other than Marist as long as he firstly plays that sport for Marist and if the two clubs are drawn to play each other it is expected the student would not play against Marist.

The Sports policy is included as a condition of enrolment in the Enrolment Acceptance Form. It is explained at time of enrolment interview. Boys and parents commit to adhering to the sports policy when they sign the enrolment acceptance form.

The Policy ensures that students are not put in the position of having to play against Marist – a situation which would do serious damage to school spirit.

Playing for the College is a privilege and students should be proud to play for their school.

As a rule the College does not grant exemptions to the Policy*. * If there are pressing personal or pastoral reasons for a particular exemption from the expectations stated above, parents should write in the first instance to the Sportsmaster, who will discuss such an application with the Headmaster.

Any student, who fails to comply with the sports policy or who plays against a Marist team will become ineligible to nominate for, be appointed to, or retain certain student leadership positions which may become available during that year or in future years. These positions include all captains, vice-captains, service or sports captains in both the Senior and Junior Schools. Only at the discretion of the Headmaster, may these requirements be waived.

Should a boy and his family choose to ignore the College Sports Policy it will bring into question the boy's continued enrolment at Marist College.

*Mr Richard Sidorko, Headmaster
March 2015*

* Exemptions will be considered for those boys wishing to play Premier League Football for outside clubs as the College does not field teams at this level.

* An exemption will be granted to a student who identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander who intends playing for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander team and not for Marist. The family will inform the College Sportsmaster before the start of each season. Such students will be permitted to play against Marist College when their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander team is playing Marist College.