



McAuley Community School

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McAuley Community School Sport Handbook

This handbook has been created to help define the various sporting competitions and opportunities that are available for our students. Within school hours, there are School Sport SA and State-wide competitions (also known as SAPSASA), as well as SACPSSA competitions (South Australian Catholic Primary School Sport Association).

McAuley also offers a range of Outside School Hours sporting opportunities for students held outside of school hours during weeknights and weekends.

Please read all information below, along with volunteer requirements and the Codes of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Parents/Caregivers and Spectators.

All information regarding trials and nominations is communicated to families through Audiri.

Thank you for your support and participation.

SCHOOL SPORT

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School Sport SA and State-wide Competitions (SAPSASA)

These carnivals and competitions are offered to students in Years 5 and 6 (Team Sports) and Year 4 to 6 (Individual Sports), and can be split into 2 different categories, District Carnivals and State-wide School Competitions. **Please see** <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/schools-and-educators/programs-students/school-sport-sa> for further information.

District Carnivals

District carnivals are held to select teams to represent each district. At McAuley, we are in the Southwest District. These carnivals can be run in a round-robin format for sports such as Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball, where individuals are selected by coaches or selectors, or as individual events, such as Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country.

Statewide Schools Competitions (SAPSASA – formerly “Knock Out” Competitions)

In a Statewide Schools Competition, if a team wins, they progress to the next round of competition to be held on another day. If they do not win, they are eliminated from the competition.

Selection Process for District Carnivals and Statewide Schools Competitions

Students will need to be nominated through Audiri to participate and if enough nominations are received, trials will be held to select teams. Teams for all sports will be selected on school grounds during lunch/recess breaks, within PE time or before and after school. The PE Teacher and/or coach will run trials when needed, to select teams. Individuals are selected from their performance during the trials to give McAuley the best chance of success in these competitions. No communication made prior to, or after the trials, will be taken into consideration when selecting teams.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, not every student nominated can be selected to make their respective team. Please have a conversation with your child around this and support them to have another go next time.

State Team Selection and Nominations

Families interested in nominating their child to trial for State Team opportunities should familiarise themselves with the information in the School Sport SA link below.

[State team selection and nomination process \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au)

Transport

The school will look to provide transport to venues where School Sport SA/SAPSASA carnivals are held, however in some cases caregivers may be responsible for transporting their child/ren. Transport arrangements will be stated in the nomination information on Audiri.

SACPSSA (South Australian Catholic Primary School Sport Association)

These carnivals are only for South Australian Catholic Schools and are open to students from Years 3 to 6. These carnivals can be either **competitive** or based on **participation**.

Competitive carnivals have places and awards given to competitors. Students will need to trial to be successful in taking part, as there are limited spots available for participation.

Selection Process for competitive SACPSSA Competitions

Teams for SACPSSA sports will be selected during PE time or before and after school in the case of cross country and swimming respectively. The PE Teacher and/or coach will run trials when needed to select teams. Individuals are selected from the trials to give McAuley the best chance of success in these competitions. No communication made prior to, or after the trials, will be taken into consideration.

Participation carnivals are open to all students to nominate and take part in. No scores are taken, or awards given to schools or teams.

McAuley provides transport via chartered bus to all SACPSSA events for students who are nominated or selected to participate. These carnivals are also heavily reliant on parent/caregiver volunteers to support with supervising/coaching teams and officiating when required. Please consider volunteering to assist these events where possible.

Term 1

Swimming - competitive

Term 2

Netball - participation

Term 3

Cross Country - competitive

Touch Football - participation

Term 4

Hot Shots – participation (Years 3 and 4 only)

Athletics - competitive

Transport

The school will provide transport via chartered bus to and from SACPSSA Carnivals.

Outside School Hours Sport

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The following sports are offered to our students from R to 6 throughout the year. These sporting competitions are held outside of school hours, on weeknights and weekends. Parent/Caregiver volunteers are essential to the successful running of these competitions. All information and EFORMs regarding nominating for competitions are posted on Audiri prior to the season commencing. Information about teams will be emailed through to all families prior to the season commencing. Team placements are based on nomination numbers to ensure balance and fairness. To promote inclusivity, we will change teams season to season, giving everyone equal opportunities to participate, develop their skills, and contribute to the team. Late nominations cannot be guaranteed a place in a team, as they will only be placed in a team if there is room.

PLEASE NOTE: By registering for an extra-curricular sport, you and your child/ren are committing to being part of those team/s for the season's entirety.

Term 1

Sport	Association	Venue	Day of Competition	Uniform
Volleyball (Year 3-6)	Volleyball SA	Brighton HS	Friday	School uniform
Cricket (Year 2-6)	SACA	Various	2/3 – Sat AM 4/5 – Thurs PM 5/6 – Sat AM	School uniform, white pants if owned
Basketball (Rec-6)	MSBL	Mitchell Park, Pasadena, Marion	5/6 Monday 3/4 Tuesday 2/3 Wednesday R/1 Friday	R-1 McAuley Polo Top McAuley Basketball Tops, school shorts

Terms 2 & 3 (students will need to re-nominate for the Term 2-3 Basketball Season)

Sport	Association	Venue	Day of Competition	Uniform
Netball (Year 2-6)	SWDNA	Various	5/6 – Wednesday 2/3/4 – Thursday	McAuley Netball Dress or school uniform
Soccer (Rec-6)	SDJSA	Various	Saturday AM	R-2 McAuley Polo top 3-6 - McAuley Soccer Tops, school shorts
Football (Year 2-6)	SANFL Schools	West Beach	Saturday AM	McAuley Football/Basketball Tops
Basketball (Rec-6)	MSBL	Mitchell Park, Pasadena, Marion	See Term 1 information	R-1 McAuley Polo Top McAuley Basketball Tops, school shorts
Volleyball (Year 3-6)	Volleyball SA	Brighton HS	Friday	School Uniform

Term 4 (students will need to nominate again from Term 1 as this is a new season)

Sport	Association	Venue	Day of Competition	Uniform
Volleyball (Year 3-6)	Volleyball SA	Brighton HS	Friday	School uniform
Cricket (Year 2-6)	SACA	Various	2/3 – Sat AM 4/5 – Thurs PM 5/6 – Sat AM	School uniform for years 2/3, white pants if owned for year 4-6
Basketball (Rec-6)	MSBL	Mitchell Park, Pasadena, Marion	See Term 1 information	R-1 McAuley Polo top McAuley Basketball Tops, school shorts

PLEASE NOTE: seasonal sporting opportunities will come up throughout the year that are organised by the sporting associations. Nominations for these will be advertised on Audiri, with all additional information to be given at that time.

UNIFORM

For Football and Basketball, families will need to purchase an individual numbered McAuley Footy/Basketball singlet sport top. For Soccer, students will play in the McAuley Soccer Top. For Netball, students will need to purchase and play in the McAuley Netball Dress. All sports uniforms can be ordered by emailing amber.robinson@mcs.catholic.edu.au

COACHES

During the nomination process, parents/caregivers must consent to their email address being passed on to the coach of their child's team for communication purposes. No experience in coaching is necessary.

Responsibilities:

- Coaches will receive the email addresses of parents/caregivers who have children in their team for the purpose of setting up a method of communication as a group (such as email, What's App) for weekly communication, regarding game times and locations etc.
- Encouraging and guiding students to play in a positive and supportive team environment as per the Codes of Conduct below.
- Stopping game play if you feel there is a risk to learners safety.
- Giving equal game time and opportunities to children.

Any significant and unexpected changes from the associations will be communicated from the Sport Administrator to coaches and teams.

PLEASE NOTE: Teams cannot be nominated in the relevant competitions if there is an insufficient number of players or if coaches/officials have not been nominated.

VOLUNTEERS (including coaches)

Parent/Caregiver volunteers are vital for teams to be registered. Without a parent/caregiver volunteer/s to coach and manage students, a team cannot be entered into a competition. We thank coaches, both past and present, who have volunteered their time to provide opportunities for our students to participate in these sports. We acknowledge that not

everyone is able to give their time for training however, coaches do appreciate assistance with individual teams on a week-to-week basis.

DOCUMENTATION

When coaching teams, all coaches / officials / umpires from the age of 14 years and up are required to have the following documentation in place:

- CESA Volunteer Declaration Forms
- CESA Application Package
- Catholic Police Clearance Check
- RRHAN-EC Certificate
- Signed Induction Pack for Volunteers (completed at the Front Office)

If you are unsure whether you can volunteer or require further information, please contact the Front Office or visit <https://www.mcs.catholic.edu.au/our-community/volunteering>

RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORT

We ask that all teams organise a team photo to be taken and sent through to the sport coordinator which will be used to create a team certificate. We encourage all teams to organise an end of season celebration to recognise the achievements of the team throughout the season. Team certificates can be presented at this time, or after the final game by the coach. At the end of the year, there will be a Sports focused assembly where medals will be presented to all children involved in outside of school hours sport. During this assembly we will also recognise the significant contributions of all coaches involved throughout the year. Families and coaches will be invited to attend this assembly to share in celebrating their child's achievements throughout the year.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Adapted from the Australian Sports Commission's 'Play By The Rules' Documents – Revised 2018

MCS Code of Conduct for PLAYERS (STUDENTS)

At McAuley Community School, students who represent our school agree to:

- Commit to all trainings and games or inform the coach in advance if they are unable to play
- Learn, accept, and play by the rules
- Strive towards improving skills each week, to support the overall team performance
- Accept different abilities, encourage, and support your teammates
- Listen to and co-operate with the coach
- Respect the officials' decisions
- Calmly and politely communicate concerns to the coach
- Make good choices about what you say and how you act towards others
- Respect the feelings and importance of all participants
- Thank opponents after the game

MCS Code of Conduct for COACHES

At McAuley Community School, volunteers who represent our school agree to:

- Respect the confidentiality of the personal information you have been entrusted with
- Demonstrate a love of the game and emphasize enjoyment
- Provide the players with a sound understanding of the rules and skills used in games
- Offer one to one support and relay positive feedback to all players
- Be respectful of individual abilities when planning training sessions
- Offer all players equal time to participate in the game
- Show an appreciation for time put in by association officials and administrators
- Accept all official decisions in a calm and appropriate manner
- Work with players' families and the Sports Coordinator to develop a quality school sports program at McAuley

MCS Code of Conduct for PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & SPECTATORS

At McAuley Community School, parents and spectators who represent our school agree to:

- Offer support to the coach by reinforcing what is said and helping wherever possible
- Help children to understand and play according to the rules
- Acknowledge personal growth and the overall performance of the team
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants
- Show an appreciation for time put in by association officials and administrators
- Accept the official's decisions in a calm and appropriate manner
- Respectfully raise concerns related to players or parents with the coach or manager at an appropriate time.
- Respectfully raise concerns related to the coach or manager with the Sport Coordinator at an appropriate time
- Most importantly help the players to be a good sport and enjoy the game