



## St Edmund's College 2018 Rugby Season

Welcome to St Edmund's Rugby Club. Our college has a well-established sporting history and is recognised throughout Australia for its rugby heritage, and in developing players to an international level. St Edmund's Rugby has continually dominated the local and interstate competitions it has participated in. For this to continue we need the assistance and support of parents. This assistance can be provided in many ways, such as coaching, managing, first aid, helping in the canteen, running the line as an assistant referee or even the water. Below you will find the busy schedule that is ahead of the club in the coming months, starting with registration opening Monday 26th February.

### **PRE SEASON TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS**

Training commences Week 5.

**Under 10-13** will train on School grounds (Owens, O'Brien and Lonergan Oval) on Wednesdays, 4.00-5.00pm commencing Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March. (Please note that Individual coaches may choose to run two training sessions pre week)

**Under 14 – 16** will train on School grounds (O'Brien and Lonergan Oval) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3.30-5.00pm commencing Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> March (Moderation day Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March)

**Opens Rugby** will train on School grounds on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3:45 – 5:30pm.

### **REGISTRATION**

In 2018, Registration must be done online. Registration opens on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** and will close on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Registration is perhaps the most important part of the season ahead; **without registration, your son cannot play**. If your son plans to participate in the rep trials, he must be registered before this Sunday.

#### **What information do I need to register?**

You will need your My Rugby ID number, your email address and a credit card. You will also need to know your son's height and weight. You cannot pay via the finance office, payment must be made at the time of registration online.

#### **I've forgotten my Rugby ID or the email address connected to it, what do I do?**

Email [rugby@stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:rugby@stedmunds.act.edu.au), who will provide you with your ID and email details

#### **There are two ways you can access the registration page:**

##### **Option One**

Download the Rugby AU App on to your phone

Search St Edmund's College and make this your default club

Once you have St Edmund's on the home screen of the app, click on St Edmund's College and the registration screen will appear.

On the welcome page, please scroll to the very bottom and press the get started link.

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## Option Two

Click on the following link below: (if the link does not work, copy and paste it into the address bar on your browser

<https://rugbylink.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?fl=1&type=1&id=40345&entityid=53152>

Scroll to the very bottom of the welcome page and click on the 'get started' button

## **IMPORTANT DATES ON THE CALENDAR**

Please read the table below carefully, and mark any relevant dates in your calendar

| DATE                            | EVENT   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Friday March 2nd                | NZ Rugby Tour trivia night, information further on in this newsletter   |
| Saturday March 3rd              | Coach the coaches' course, SEC. 9.30am-11.30am. See attached brochure   |
| Sunday March 18th               | St Michael's University School Canada Opens & U16 Rugby team arrives, boys to be billeted by SEC families   |
| Monday March 19th               | SEC v St Michaels, Opens and U 16's Games to be played after school, David Campese Oval, Taylor Park, kick off 4pm  |
| Tuesday March 20 <sup>th</sup>  | St Michaels departs SEC   |
| Tuesday March 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Coaching kids referee course at SEC, 530pm-7.30pm. All Under 15 through to opens players expected to attend   |
| Saturday March 31 <sup>st</sup> | SEC Opens 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v St Patrick's Ballarat St Edmund's College, time TBC  |
| Tuesday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | ACT Brumbies at SEC, train with our teams after school, followed by BBQ. All welcome  |
| Saturday April 7 <sup>th</sup>  | SEC tour to St Augustine's Sydney ( day) Under 13's through to opens. Buses will take players to Syd, more information to follow<br>Under12 v Gungahlin trial match, Nicholls Oval location TBC) @ 10am |
| Friday April 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Opens tour departs for NZ   |
| Saturday April 14 <sup>th</sup> | Vikings Gala day, age groups tbc  |
| Monday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Tour returns from NZ  |
| Saturday May 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Round one ACTJRU competition*   |
| Saturday May 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Round two   |
| Saturday May 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Round three   |
| Saturday May 26 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>RUGBY BYE- long weekend</b>  |
| Saturday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Round four  |

\*Please note the change of date for the start of the competition. The date in the school calendar is no longer correct, rounds were adjusted by the ACT JRU to fit in the new long weekend in May.

## **WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE SEASON?**

One of the most important communication tools used by St Edmund's Rugby is an app called '**Team App**'.

Please download this to your phone and search **St Edmund's College Rugby**. Throughout the season, you will be able to get the following information and more from team snap:

- Updated Weekly fixtures
- Wet weather / oval closure alerts
- Game results

You can also find information on our Rugby website:

<https://secrugby.teamapp.com>

Information will also be published as needed in **The Vortex**

## **BECOMING A REFEREE**

Do you have a passion for rugby, either as player, parent or spectator and would like to become more involved or give back to this fantastic game?

ACTRRA, Rugby Australia & Brumbies Rugby Union will provide you with all the training, coaching, development and kit you need to referee from U8 through to Premier Division domestically (and possibly through to the elite level at Super Rugby and International games).

Rugby Referee Accreditations is an International Accreditation that you can take and use anywhere rugby is played!

The First stage is to attend a Coaching Kids Skills Course. St Edmund's College will hold this course on Tuesday March 27, from 5.30pm through to 7.30pm. We are asking that all St Edmund's players from Under 15 through to Opens participate in the course. Not only does attending this course help provide you with a greater understanding of the game, it provides you with an opportunity to give back to the sport as a referee, and get paid!

If as a parent you are interested or your son is 14 and over and would like to attend, please contact [rugby@stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:rugby@stedmunds.act.edu.au)

## **HELP REQUIRED**

We require assistance with Coaches, Managers and a Manager for the Canteen in 2018. If you wish to help support the St Edmund's Rugby club in any way, please contact Ms McLeod **asap**.

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## **REPRESENTATIVE TRIAL DATES**

Please see below dates for ACT Brumbies team representative trials.

Further information and confirmation of times will be posted on the Brumbies website, ACT & SNSW Club Rugby Facebook page and by email. A full Calendar will also be published.

All players are welcome to attend with a further Open trial for boys who cannot attend the earlier sessions being held on 29 April where the final squads of 23 players will be announced for the NSW State Championships in June.

Under 11 and 12s coaches are invited to attend the trials and provide assistance. The Under 12s Trial are open to Under 11 and 12s. Please email Fiona Austine at [fionaaustine@yahoo.com](mailto:fionaaustine@yahoo.com) to confirm attendance.

Any players not able to attend the initial trials are asked to contact the managers of each team to express interest in future trials.

Details of the NSW Championships are being confirmed and will be advised when NSW Juniors confirm the program.

Please email [rugby@stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:rugby@stedmunds.act.edu.au) if you would like the U12 or U14 player information form sent to you.

| <b>Date</b>                      | <b>Game / Session</b>                       | <b>Age Groups</b>        | <b>Venue</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Sunday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b><i>Training Identification Trial</i></b> | U12<br>U13<br>U14<br>U16 | U12 – Weetangera<br>U13 – Queanbeyan<br>U14 – St Edmunds College<br>U16 – Rivett |
| Sunday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> March | <b><i>Training Identification Trial</i></b> | U12<br>U13<br>U16        | U12 – Weetangera<br>U13 – Queanbeyan<br>U16 – Rivett                             |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>March | <b><i>Training Identification Trial</i></b> | U15<br>U16               | U15 – Weetangera<br>U16 location TBC   |

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# COACHING THE COACHES COURSE

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

St Edmund's College

Owens Oval 9:00 – 12:00PM

All SEC Coaches welcome

For further information please contact Mr Tim Macarthur on

[tmacarthur@stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:tmacarthur@stedmunds.act.edu.au)

## ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

St Edmund's College has produced the following guidelines to assist teachers, coaches, boys and parents. Co curricula activities in our school are an important part of a fully balanced education for our students. St Edmund's College prides itself on providing students with a well-rounded, balanced education, focusing on boys' academic, physical, social, spiritual and recreation needs. We are concerned to preserve sound educational and social practices in the many inter-school activities that are played and ask for the co-operation of all co-curricular communities to ensure that these aims are realised. All activities should involve sound coaching techniques and are aimed at producing a satisfying and improved level of performance. However, care should be taken to exclude from our school - practices which place the pursuit of victory above those co curricula aspects which are all with concerned with enjoyment, balanced development and good sportsmanship. The College's broad range of sport and co-curricular activities cater for a wide range of talents and interests and adds great enjoyment to students' school life.

St Edmund's College has a responsibility to provide all parents/ guardians, staff, volunteers, students and visitors with a copy of this policy upon arrival, employment and enrolment. Further St Edmund's College has a responsibility to maintain the currency and relevancy of the Code of Conduct Policy. St Edmund's also has a responsibility to insist on the implementation of this policy. Parents, players / participants, Staff and students have a responsibility to abide by the policy. Policy procedure breaches will require notification to the Co curricula Coordinator where the complaint will be investigated and a recommended course of action will be forwarded to the College Principal.

### **A. Players / Participants in Co-curricular Activities:**

- Players/ Participants are to shake hands with players/ participants from other schools.
- Play may be hard and vigorous, but deliberate foul play or All violence should never be used towards opponents. Control your temper. Physical abuse, verbal abuse, vilification, audible obscenities, visible obscenities or threatening behaviour is not acceptable or permitted.

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- Verbal provocation of any sort is unacceptable.
- Players should not react with violence to any physical or verbal provocation.
- Players should never argue with an umpire/referee (whether student or adult) or contest a decision. Any negative response towards an umpire's ruling is unacceptable. While on the field a Captain - only - may ask a referee to clarify a ruling in the event of uncertainty.
- After a match or activity the only person to seek clarification on any issue is the Coach.
- Gracious conduct, whatever the result of a game, is important.
- Unfair or illegal tactics to gain an advantage should never be used.
- Excessive or inappropriate talk should not be used on the field of play. Players are encouraged to play in a positive and sportsman-like manner and to extend every courtesy to the opposing team. This should include pre-match courtesies, recognition of good play on the part of the opposition and extending thanks to the umpire/referee and to the opposition after the match.

## **B. Coaches/Managers**

1. All coaches/Managers (and particularly those who are not on the teaching staff) should ensure that they are fully aware of the expectations and practices of the school in which they are coaching. Coaches should remember that school sport plays an important role in a student's education and is for the benefit of students rather than adults.
2. Players participants should be taught the 'laws' of their respective game / activity – and for them to play / participate within the laws.
3. Coaches/Managers should teach sound sportsmanship along with games skills; appropriate conduct is an important element of school sport – treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion.
4. Coaches/Managers are asked to bear in mind that even senior school students need guidance; make clear the school's expectations regarding courtesies, punctuality, behaviour and dress.
5. Leadership and responsibility on the part of the captain should be encouraged. Coaches/Managers should refrain from running every detail or interjecting from the sidelines. It is acknowledged that traditions and practices differ between sports and activities.
6. Coaches/Managers should not engage in excessive and ritual 'psyching up' of a team.
7. If a match is lost, coaches should avoid giving the impression always that it could have been won if the team had played with more determination. (The opposition is sometimes just too skilful!) Similarly, coaches should avoid stating or giving the impression to players that bad refereeing decisions cost them the game.
8. Coaches/Managers should avoid any hint of criticising the umpiring or refereeing of a match particularly in front of students or parents.
9. A Coaches/Manager's aim should be always to coach in such a way that students are able to learn for themselves.
10. Coaches/Managers are encouraged to establish and regularly to renew cordial relations with the coaches of opposing teams.

## **C. Parents / Spectators**

1. Parents are asked to make their presence and support as positive as possible.
2. If your school is host, parents are asked to assume some responsibility for making visiting parents feel at home.
3. When visiting another school, the host schools' premises and rules - in matters of parking, tidiness, etc should be respected. Adults are asked to note that, with the exception of family picnics in some circumstances, alcohol should not be consumed at St Edmund's College sports or co-curricular activities. If in doubt about such matters, visiting parents should check with an official of the host school.
4. Parents should never seek, during or immediately after a match, to give advice to coaches, umpires/referees or to players.

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5. Barracking may be enthusiastic, should be positive rather than negative, avoiding excessive attention to the individual, even to praise him. Spectators should acknowledge good play from both teams.
6. Parents can assist their son's fuller education by being sensible about the number and length of his sporting commitments. While these are regulated within the school context, parents should see that other outside sporting involvement does not interfere unduly with academic study, religious activities, cultural and social life, as well as time spent with the family.
7. Responses to emails and telephone calls are not expected to be instantaneous or out of normal working hours, unless of an urgent nature. Normal service standards suggests that an acceptable response time for emails is within 48 hours.
8. Smoking is prohibited on the school property at all times.
9. Parents should refrain from public criticism of other school community members, including staff, students and other parents.
10. Parents and volunteers must complete the necessary Child Protection Check paperwork before engaging in activities which involve the College's students.

#### **D. Schools**

1. The College Leadership team, Staff, Directors of Co- Curriculum or Sport, Masters in charge of sports / activities, will foster sound attitudes towards sport in players, coaches and spectators.
2. St Edmund's College will ensure that First Aid equipment, toilets, change rooms, refreshments, etc., are provided for visiting teams.
3. Visiting teams should be met courteously and shown the facilities they will use.
4. Forfeiting matches is to be avoided wherever possible. Early notification is an important courtesy in the event of inability to field a team.
5. Schools are to regard themselves as responsible for the conduct of their supporters, whether parents, boys or past students St Edmunds Code of Conduct.

**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE RUGBY**

**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2018**

**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE HALL**

**6:30 FOR A 7PM START.**

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**(NO NUTS PLEASE DUE TO ALLERGIES)**



