



MaristCollege  
Canberra

## **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: Australian Football (AFL), Basketball, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Judo, Rowing and Rugby.

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 Sports 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.

Representing the College in sports is a privilege not a right and students should be proud to play for their school. Ongoing or serious misbehaviour may result in a student's ability to participate in sport being withdrawn at the discretion of the Headmaster or Deputy Headmaster.

**As a rule, the College does not grant exemptions to the Sports Policy, except for in the following circumstances:**

1. Personal or pastoral considerations: Parents should write in the first instance to the Head of Sport, who will discuss exemptions for this reason with the Headmaster.
2. Premier League Football: Boys wishing to play Premier League Football for outside clubs may apply for an exemption as the College does not field teams at this level.
3. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students: For students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and intend to play for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander team and not for Marist. The family should inform the Head of Sport 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 against Marist College.

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 Matthew Hutchison, Headmaster  
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