National Schools Cup 2007

Only 198 days to Melbourne.

Dear Parents, 22nd May 2007
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Our planning for the 2007 Australian Schools Cup is well under way. We have completed going through the coach and player feedback sheets from last year’s event. There was excellent information in these feedback sheets to use in our planning for this years event in order to make us even better. We thank both our players and our coaches for taking the time to help us improve our program each year.

Our selection for teams and coaches for State League/League Reserve/Junior League has also been done and the competitions are now under way. It is now very important that we know now which players are able to commit to the Australian Schools Cup in Melbourne for 2007.

We need a commitment for
- The State Cup, (21st, 22nd, 23rd September)
- The Nationals in Melbourne (8th—15th December)
- And, the trainings that these competitions will involve.

This indication will be via the return of the attached consent note and the payment of a deposit of $100. This deposit will be refunded if a player cannot attend the Nationals due to injury or sickness.

The deposit will not be returned if a player does not make the team they are aiming for but are placed in a suitable team with their peers. With 21 teams and a very stringent and ongoing selection process which tries very hard to do the best for both players and the overall squad we cannot guarantee that all players will make the team they are aiming for. In fact this is impossible. This is life and players may have to deal with the fact that they perhaps did not make the team they were aiming for and perhaps may have to try again next year. Making and not making teams is a sporting reality and a reality sports people have to accept. Our history is full of players who finally made it (and made it big time) through perseverance and a good deal of determination. These are our truly great players. As parents we seek your support in this.

This huge event involves 170 players, 45 coach/managers, referees, a budget of over $120,000. You can well appreciate how important it is for us to have a firm indication of who is planning to attend this event in Melbourne and, who is prepared to commit to this event now so that we can book transport, accommodation and so that the right number of coaches can apply for leave from their jobs.

You may note that we have had to move from Queens College into Ormond College due to our increased numbers. It was not an option for us to split the squad into two different accommodation centers as we were not prepared to compromise the experience of the “Big Team” and the learning that occurs between junior and senior players. A slide show of the new accommodation is on this web site.


The dinning room is more Harry Potter than Harry Potter.
Unfortunately, due to bookings we have to make now, our planning for the 2007 event will not be able to consider any player who has not returned their intention to compete note and the $100.00 deposit by the end of this financial year.

**Friday 29th June**

If there is any difficulty with the deposit please contact the school bursar Cathy Farrent to make alternative arrangements.

The cost will be under **$720.00** (up by CPI from last year) This is an educated guess at this stage as we have to get bus, and nomination fees confirmed. The cost will include transport, dinner at a restaurant in Lygon Street on the Sunday night we arrive, match and nomination fees, dinner, bed and breakfast, tea the last night before we leave, photographs, physiotherapy supplies and the occasional treat.

We will invoice you for the event at the end of June to allow parents the opportunity to pay in stages and also to pay by credit card on a monthly basis if desired.  
(This facility is very useful and is used by many families as it saves big bills just before Christmas.)

We ask that your family discusses your child’s participation in this event so that as a family you are happy to commit to the deposit and the consent note and the training regime. Once we have a definite list of players we can go the next step with the coaches, managers and teachers.

**Please note that players cannot be considered in further planning for this event unless a deposit and a firm indication of attendance is received from their family.**

Once this intention to play has been received, all players can then start paying in the balance of the trip. This can be paid at any time by cash, cheque or credit card.

Please remember the fund raising quiz night.  
Friday 19th October—tickets available Tuesday 1st August. Students can make $100 / table.