Dear Parents,

28th May 2012

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Our planning for the 2012 Australian Schools Cup is well under way. We have finished 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.

State League/League Reserve/Div 1 and Junior League competitions are now well under way so we have a clear indication of the players who are making a commitment to volleyball and therefore the Melbourne trip. We also have a large group of dedicated coaches looking after all of the teams in preparation for Melbourne. It is now a very important part of the planning process to find out which players are able to absolutely commit to the Australian Schools Cup for 2012.

We need a personal and financial commitment for

- The State Cup, (14th, 15th, 16th September)
- The Nationals in Melbourne (8th—14th December)
- And, the trainings after school that these competitions will involve.

Your confirmation of your “intention to compete” will be via the return of the attached consent note and the payment of a $100 deposit due by Monday 18th June (Week 9 term 2)

This deposit will be refunded if a player cannot attend the Nationals due to injury or sickness under the conditions below.

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 potentially 28 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. Making and not making teams is a sporting reality and a reality sport’s 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 notion.

This huge event involves 245 players, 60 coach/managers, referees, a budget of over $200,000. 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 and accommodation and also so that the right number of coaches can apply for leave from their jobs.

We have rebooked Ormond College as it is our preferred accommodation and closer to the stadiums and if the potential number of teams becomes a reality then we will need another bus to transport the extra 5 teams this year.


Clearly bookings have to be made now; our planning for the 2012 event will not be able to consider any player who has not returned their intention to compete note and the $100.00 deposit by Monday 18th June

If there is any difficulty with the deposit please contact the school bursar Cathy Farrent to make alternative payment arrangements. The cost will be around the $870.00 mark which is again considerably less than other schools. This is an educated guess at this stage as the bus company has reserved the right to increase their charge due to the fuel prices.

The cost includes transport, dinner at a restaurant in Lygon Street on the Saturday night we arrive in Melbourne, match and nomination fees, dinner, bed and breakfast, tea the last night before we leave; photographs, physiotherapy supplies and the occasional treat. The increase is nearly all due to significant accommodations costs rises along with the normal increase in all other costs as well.

We have posted you an invoice (posting required by the school) 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 payment and the term 3 and 4 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 the $100 deposit and a firm indication of attendance is received from their family by 18th June

Once this intention to play has been received, all players can then start paying in the balance of the attached invoice. This can be paid at any time to the cashier by cash, cheque or credit card (by phone if required) to the cashier's office.

Please remember the Melbourne trip fund raising quiz night. Friday 19th October—tickets available from the 13th August. Students can make over $100 / table.

For parents planning on attending the competition the playing dates are
Opening ceremony Sunday evening 9th December—Finals on Friday 14th December.

All parents are invited to our “Big Team” final presentation meeting at 8.30pm at Ormond College on Friday 14th December.

We will arrive back at school on Saturday 15th December at 9.00am.

Regards
Stuart Scott
SIV Program Manager

AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP – DEPOSIT

I wish ........................................................................................................... (Student’s name) to be considered for a position in a team for the 2012 National Schools Cup.

This tournament is in Melbourne we depart on 8th Dec – arrive back 15th December. We enclose a deposit of $100 (Payable to the school cashier) with the understanding that deposit refunds may be refunded in line with the team selection criteria as outlined above.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: ..................................................................................

Return with deposit to the cashier’s office by Monday 18th June 2012