



## Sport at Mona Vale Public School



### **Pittwater PSSA**

This year, PPSSA will be played in the afternoons each Friday. How PPSSA will look for MVPS:

- 8:45am Students arrive at school as per usual
- 12:10pm Teams leave school on buses
- 12:50pm PPSSA competition starts
- 2:20pm PPSSA competition finishes and students return to school
- Students should return in time for the end of the day
- Non-PPSSA students will participate in home sport timetable.

We post PPSSA team lists after we have successfully held our trials in the sport noticeboard in the 3-6 COLA.

Pittwater PSSA will be in action and students will be trained by our dedicated coaches. As in previous years, there is a cost involved when we employ external providers and to run the PPSSA program. Your termly sports fee assists with covering not only these costs but a PPSSA levy for all primary students, buses for PPSSA, ground hiring, ribbons, additional casuals when needed due to student numbers and equipment for all K-6 programs.

### **MVPS PPSSA TRIAL GUIDELINES**

At MVPS we conduct our trials in accordance with the Pittwater PSSA Zone constitution. Children do not have to participate in a sport out of school to be eligible to try out for a PPSSA team. Students pre-register their interest by indicating a preference for a sport in class. The selections are then made according to performance during the trials period. Two teachers are present at the trials and make the decisions together.

If a child is absent for one of the selection days or away due to other school commitments, we do our best to make suitable arrangements. When selecting students during trials, consideration is given to those who display ability and a strong skill level on the days of the trials. Students complete a range of activities that involve demonstrating the skills needed to play that sport.

Consideration may also be given for those that display:  
sportsmanship; cooperation and attitude; and commitment to training sessions.

Unfortunately, some sports have over 50 students trialling and most teams can only take 10-15 players. Yes, we understand that this means there are students who are disappointed and upset. These decisions are difficult for our teaching staff who volunteer their time and effort in coaching PPSSA teams. They do not

make these decisions lightly and they use their professional judgement to select teams. If your child does not make a PPSSA team, please help them learn from the experience and build their resilience.

The Summer season is due to start in Week 5 of Term 1 and will also continue in Term 3 and 4. The Winter season is due to start in Week 3, Term 2 and will continue into Term 3.

If your child was successful in being selected for a team, they will have received a permission note and code of conduct via the parent portal of School Bytes/email from the school. Please ensure all permission is given as soon as possible.

### **SPRING/SUMMER SPORTS**

Boys' Cricket - Mr Goodwin

Girls' Cricket - Mr Stewart

Boys' Tag - Miss Kelsall

Girls' Tag - Mr Huskins

Softball - Mr Henry

T-Ball - Mr Gray

### **WINTER SPORTS**

Boys' Football - Mr Piper

Girls' Football - Mr Huskins

Rugby League - Miss Kelsall

AFL - Mr Gray

Junior Netball - Ms Walsh

Senior Netball - Miss Gerethy

### **PITTWATER ZONE | SUB-REGIONAL | SYDNEY NORTH TRIALS**

Representative trials are for students in **Years 5 and 6** who excel in a particular sport. They must have several years of club/representative experience. We are only allowed to send 2-3 students for each sport, and they must meet the convener's criteria. Successful students must be able to commit to training and future trial sessions, and parents must be available to provide all transport. Some sports require several trials before making a regional or state team. For example, cricket has a Pittwater zone trial followed by a Sub-regional trial (Manly, Pittwater, Warringah, North Shore zones) before having the Sydney North trial.

Once I receive notification of a trial, I advertise it on the school message system, School Bytes, and the students come and express their interest. Please

remember that these trials are very competitive and of a very high standard. We then obtain information from the students (their playing history, club experience and representative level) and see if we need to hold an in-school trial to see if we can send anyone along. Notes will be sent home to students selected to trial at this zone level.

### **NSW PSSA KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

MVPS has elected to continue in the following sports' knockout competitions this year:

- Touch Football
- Soccer
- Boys Basketball
- Softball
- Netball
- Cricket

Each knockout team will be selected from knowledge of the students in the PPSSA trials or from a separate trial if required by the coach. This information will be sent through via the school's Flexischool APP and on the School Bytes messages read out each day to students.

A student can play in the cricket knockout team, even though they play PPSSA tag.

### **KEEPING UP TO DATE**

If you would like further information about sport at the school, zone, region or state level, please use the following apps/websites.

- MVPS - Flexischools App, school website and school newsletter
- Pittwater Zone Sport - Team app. Sign up to the website/app and search for 'Pittwater PSSA' <https://www.teamapp.com/>
- Sydney North PSSA - Website  
<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/SydneyNorth>
- NSW PSSA - Website  
<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/NSWPSSA>

Good luck to all our students who will be trialling and competing over the next few weeks and into the school year.

Yours in sport,

Miss Kelsall

