



Sport Information Booklet

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Principal's Welcome

We all know the value that sport can play in the development of young people. Sport plays an important role in the holistic growth of young people by fostering their physical, social and emotional health. The benefits of sport reach beyond the impact of a win on the sporting field and carry over into lessons for life, the building of college culture and improvements in school engagement.

The pages of this booklet introduce the sporting program at St Thomas More. Like all good books, our hope is that the pages come alive through the participation of our students in this important aspect of college life. Whatever their sporting ability, whatever the result on the field, our hope is that our students come to appreciate the importance of representing their college in sport. Wearing your college colours is an honour and how you represent the community in this arena says a lot about the culture of our College. Being humble in victory and gracious in defeat is the College expectation so that the true value of sport can transcend any result. You will hear a lot about the sporting spirit that lies behind our TEAM MORE motto in the coming years.

This booklet is an introduction to assist students and families with the College's co-curricular sport program. You will find a broad range of sports available for your son or daughter to participate in. It is expected that all students involved in team sport will attend training sessions.

If you have questions or need a more detailed explanation around the sports program, then I encourage you to contact Mr Stephen Undery (Program Leader – Sport). For other matters, the best staff to contact are your son or daughter's Pastoral Care Teacher or Pastoral Leader.



Mr Les Conroy
College Principal

Introduction

St Thomas More College provides a broad range of sporting and recreational activities. This booklet provides information for those wishing to participate in the College Sport Program. This is your invitation to join the College community in sporting and recreational endeavours.

These activities provide for the personal growth of the students by developing individual skills, teamwork, leadership, friendship, understanding, decision-making and self-discipline in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment. This in turn benefits curriculum performance and school behaviour and helps build a real sense of community.

The College is a part of the Eastern Taipans District in the Metropolitan West region for representative sport, competes in Southeast Colleges Association (SECA) along with many other competitions. All these opportunities are outlined in this booklet.

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SPORTING AWARD SYSTEM

Students are encouraged to participate in sport at the College as a part of a holistic education and are recognised and awarded for their efforts through the Sporting Award System. This Sporting Award System is designed to recognise and award the commitment of students participating and competing in sport for St Thomas More College.

The flow chart below demonstrates how students can progress through to the sporting awards.



Sporting Recognition is the first step in the Award System and is awarded to students when they represent the College at a specified sporting event. This includes but is not restricted to:

- SECA Cross Country
- SECA Swimming
- SECA Athletics
- SECA Gala Days
- STMC Rep Sport
- Met West Competitions and Trial

Sports Bronze Award is the second step in the Award System and is awarded to students when they receive six Sporting Recognition awards or are selected to represent Metropolitan West School Sport.

Sports Silver Award is the third step in the Award System and is awarded to students when they receive three Sports Bronze Awards or are selected to represent QLD School Sport.

The highest award in the Sporting Award System is the Sports Gold Award. This award is the most prestigious of the sporting awards and is awarded to students who receive two Silver Awards or are selected to represent Australian School Sport.

Sporting awards are given for representative sports that go through the Eastern Taipans / Met West / Queensland School Sport pathway. A list can be found here:
<https://queenslandsschoolsport.education.qld.gov.au/sports-information>

INTER-JUNNEBEI (HOUSE) SPORT

The College's Inter-Junnebei sporting tradition is an integral part of the sporting culture here at St Thomas More College. This Inter-Junnebei tradition creates a strong sense of belonging and community within the whole College. St Thomas More College has five Junnebei:



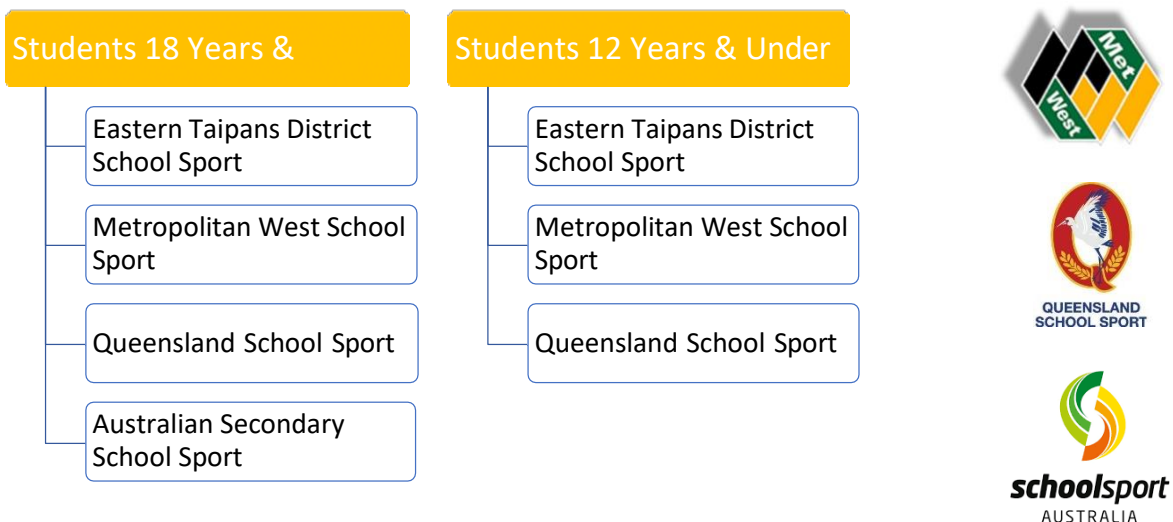
Students are assigned a Junnebei at the time of enrolment. Throughout the year students across all ages have an opportunity to represent their Junnebei in sporting, academic, cultural and other competitions. Significant events through the year include Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics Carnivals.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT PATHWAY

St Thomas More College is a member of the Eastern Taipans district within the Metropolitan West School Sport region. Many sports conduct trials across Primary and Secondary schools within the Metropolitan West region as a pathway to state and national selection.

Students wishing to trial for a district or regional team must nominate through the sports office via the District Sport Coordinator. District trials are posted on the college calendar. Additionally, information regarding trials will be posted in the college notices and emailed to students throughout the year.

****Please note that it is the student's responsibility to nominate in time for District and Met West Trials****



****Only students approved and nominated by the college can attend representative trials****

HELPFUL LINKS

Metropolitan West School Sport
<https://metwestschoolsport.eq.edu.au>

SECA School Sport
<https://www.secasport.com.au/>

Metropolitan West School Sport

Participation in Eastern Taipans District and Met West regional trials provides students with the opportunity to gain regional, state, and national selection in their chosen sport.

Metropolitan West School Sport offers opportunities in the following sports:

AFL 10-12yrs/13-15yrs Girls	Netball 10-12yrs/13-15yrs/16-19yrs Girls
AFL 10-12yrs/13-15yrs Boys	Rugby League 11-12yrs/14-15yrs/16-19yrs Girls
Athletics 10-19yrs	Rugby League 11-12yrs/14-15yrs/16-19yrs Boys
Baseball 12-14yrs/14-18yrs	Rugby Union 11-12yrs/14-15yrs/17-18yrs Girls
Basketball - 10-12yrs/13-15yrs/16-18yrs	Rugby Union 11-12yrs/14-15yrs/17-18yrs Boys
Cricket 10-12yrs/13-15yrs/16-19yrs Girls	Softball 10-12yrs/13-19yrs Boys & Girls
Cricket 10-12yrs/13-15yrs/16-19yrs Boys	Squash 10-19yrs Boys & Girls
Cross Country 10-19yrs	Surfing 13-19yrs Boys & Girls
Football 10-12yrs/13-15yrs/16yrs Girls	Swimming 10-19yrs
Football 13-16yrs/17-19yrs Boys	Tennis 10-12yrs/13-19yrs Boys & Girls
Futsal 13-14 years	Touch Football 10-12yrs/13-15yrs/16-18yrs Boys & Girls
Golf 10-18yrs Boys & Girls	Triathlon 11-19yrs
Hockey 10-12yrs/13-19yrs Boys & Girls	Volleyball 12-15yrs/16-19yrs
	Water Polo 13-17yrs

Information regarding when, and how, to trial is announced in morning notices, emails, and on assemblies. Students are advised to pay particular attention to said notices and nominate accordingly at the Sport Office. Only students approved and nominated by the College can attend district and regional trials.

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SECA Sport

St Thomas More College is a proud foundation member of SECA and since its inception in 1996. STMC students continue to enjoy the varied and competitive sport offered by SECA Sport. SECA Sport is an interschool sporting competition conducted on Thursday during school, in Terms 2 and 3. In addition to this, SECA holds a range of one-day carnivals throughout the year. The competition is graded to cater for all individual abilities, age and skill levels. St Thomas More College competes against the following schools:



SECA SPORT PROGRAM

SECA Sport Season 1 (Term 2)	SECA Sport Season 2 (Term 3)	SECA Carnivals
Chess	Basketball	Cricket – Term 1
Futsal	Debating	Swimming – Term 1
Netball	E-Sports	Cross-Country – Term 2
OzTag	Football (Soccer)	Athletics – Term 3
Rugby League	Tennis	Rugby 7's – Term 3
Touch Rugby League	Touch Football	AFL 9's – Term 4
Theatre Sports		
Volleyball		

UNIFORM

Students are to wear STMC Sport uniform specific to each sport. These are outlined in the uniform section of each sport in this booklet.

STAFF CONTACTS

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Athletics

Students can compete in several athletics meets throughout the school year, including the STMC Athletics Carnival, SECA athletics Carnival and Eastern Taipans District Athletics trials. The College holds its Athletics carnival during Term 3, from which students can be selected to represent the College at the SECA Athletics Carnival. Training begins in Term 3.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
St Thomas More College Athletics Carnival	Term 3	7-12
Eastern Taipans District Athletics Carnival	Term 3	7-12
SECA Athletics Carnival	Term 3	7-12

UNIFORM

Students are to wear the STMC Sport Singlet or Sport Shirt, STMC Sport Shorts or STMC Footy Shorts or STMC Bike Pants (Girls only), during athletics events, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College’s Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

Mr Tim Parravicini

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Basketball

Basketball is rapidly growing at STMC, and with that, we are forging a strong relationship with the Brisbane Bullets, to enhance the basketball program. Our Firsts boy's and girl's teams are aiming to compete in the largest school basketball competition in QLD, the Champion Basketball School of QLD (CBSQ) tournament. In addition to this, students may participate in the SECA competition or target representative honours with the Eastern Taipans district or Met West regional trials. Training is undertaken at various stages throughout the school year.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Basketball	Term 3	7-12
Champion Basketball School of QLD (CBSQ)	Term 3	Opens

UNIFORM

Students are to wear the STMC Basketball Singlet and STMC Sport Shorts during basketball games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

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Mr Jay Paterson

Head Coach – Girls Basketball
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Cross Country

Students can compete in several cross-country meets throughout the school year including, STMC Cross-Country Carnival, SECA Cross Country Carnival and Eastern Taipans District Cross Country Trials. The College holds its annual Cross Country Carnival in Term 2, from which students can then gain selection to represent the College at the SECA Cross Country Carnival. Training for cross-country events begins in Term 1.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
STMC Cross Country Carnival	Term 2	7-12
Eastern Taipans District Cross Country Carnival	Term 2	7-12
SECA Cross Country Carnival	Term 2	7-12

UNIFORM

Students are to wear STMC Sport Singlet or STMC Sport Shirt, STMC Sport Shorts or STMC Footy Shorts or STMC Bike Pants (Girls only), during cross-country events, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

Ms Jenna Luiten

Head Coach – Cross Country

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Football/Futsal

Football & Futsal are two of the fastest growing sports at STMC. Students can play football in the SECA competition, the Bill Turner Cup/Trophy and UHlsport Cup. We are quickly gaining a proud history in the sport with many of our teams making finals across several of the competitions we play in. Students can also progress to representative honours through our Eastern Taipans district and Met West trials. Training is undertaken at various stages throughout the year.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
Brisbane Metro Futsal Titles	Term 1	7-12
SECA Sport Season 1 Competition (Football & Futsal)	Term 2	7-12
UHlsport Football Cup	Terms 2 & 3	Opens
Bill Turner Football Cup & Trophy	Terms 2 & 3	7-9

UNIFORM

Students are to wear STMC Sport Shirt, STMC Sport Shorts and STMC Footy Socks during football games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

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Netball

Netball has a strong tradition at St Thomas More College with several of our past students being selected for representative teams. At the College girls and boys can compete at the prestigious QLD Independent Secondary Schools Netball (QISSN) Competition, as well as the Vicki Wilson Shield and QLD Catholic Schools Cup. St Thomas More College also enters numerous teams in the SECA Sport Season 1 Competition. The College has a long and proud tradition in netball claiming numerous trophies in the SECA, QISSN, QC Cup and Vicki Wilson Competitions. As like other sports at St Thomas More College, students can progress to representative teams, through our district and Met West trials.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Sport Season 1 Competition	Term 2	7-12
QLD Catholic Schools Cup	Term 2	7-12
Vicki Wilson Shield	Term 2	7-12
QISSN	June/July Holidays	Open

UNIFORM

Students are to wear STMC Netball Dress (Girls Only) with STMC Bike Pants (Girls Only) or STMC Sport Shirt with STMC Sport Shorts during netball games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

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Rugby League

St Thomas More College has a strong culture in rugby league, with our First XIII representing the college at Confraternity Shield each year, claiming silverware at this prestigious schoolboy's carnival in 2014, 2015 and 2019. Some of STMC's Rugby League alumni include NRL players Jayden Hunt, Darius Farmer & Daniel Vidot. The rugby league program at the college operates in Terms 1, 2 & 4 with the focus being on preparation & pathways for students toward the prestigious Confraternity Shield - also known as the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Rugby League (QISSRL) Carnival.

As part of the rugby league program students will also compete in the SECA Inter-School sport competition and other trial games and rugby league carnivals throughout the school year. Like other sports at St Thomas More College, students can progress to representative teams, through our Eastern Taipans district and Met West trials.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Sport Season 1	Term 2	7-12
Confraternity Shield	June/July Holidays	Open

UNIFORM

Students must wear the STMC rugby league jersey, STMC footy shorts and STMC football socks during rugby league games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All items are available from the College's uniform shop.

STAFF CONTACT

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Rugby 7's

St Thomas More College is an emerging powerhouse in Rugby 7's with teams competing in the SECA Rugby 7's Carnival and QRU Independent Schools Carnival each year. Rugby 7's is offered as a pathway for both boys and girls at the College with trainings running in Terms 3 and 4.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Rugby 7's Carnival	Term 3	7-12
QRU Independent Schools Rugby 7's	Term 4	7-12

UNIFORM

Students must wear the STMC rugby jersey, STMC footy shorts and STMC football socks during rugby games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

Mr Stephen Undery

Head Coach – Rugby 7's

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Sport Aerobics

Sport Aerobics is a fast-paced sequence of choreographed steps and skills that showcase strength, flexibility and fitness, combining aerobics, dance and gymnastics. St Thomas More College partners with Meg Ryan Sport Aerobics to deliver an exciting Sport Aerobics program, in which students compete in local and state competitions with the hope of qualifying for Nationals each year. Sport Aerobics is offered to boys and girls at the College with trainings running in Terms 1, 2 & 3.

2024 will see Hannah Bijker coach the STMC team(s). Teams can be entered in a variety of categories to suit the teams created each year.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
Meg Ryan Sport Aerobics Gala	Term 2	7-12
FISAF Queensland Super Series	Term 2	7-12
FISAF QLD State Championships	Term 3	7-12
Queensland Cup	Term 3	7-12
Meg Ryan Sport Aerobics End of Year Showcase	Term 4	7-12

UNIFORM

Students must wear the STMC sports uniform to all training sessions. STMC leotards, scrunchie and tights (STMC aerobics top and pants for male athletes) are purchased through Meg Ryan Sport Aerobics. Teams wear a STMC Sport Rep Polo to and from all competitions.

STAFF CONTACT

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Swimming

Students can compete in several swimming meets throughout the school year. The College holds its annual swimming carnival early in Term 1. This provides students with the opportunity to gain selection to represent the college at the SECA swimming carnival. If students want to attend the Eastern Taipans district swimming trials, they are required to nominate to the Sport Office prior to the college swimming carnival.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
STMC Swimming Carnival	Term 1	7-12
Eastern Taipans District Swimming Carnival	Term 1	7-12
SECA Swimming Carnival	Term 1	7-12

UNIFORM

Students must wear the STMC sport's uniform to swimming carnivals. Whilst swimming, students must wear appropriate personal swimming attire and wear the STMC swimming cap.

STAFF CONTACT

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Head Coach – Swimming

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Touch Football

Touch Football is another sport with a strong tradition at STMC. Each year we send teams to the QLD All Schools Touch tournament, which is the largest schools touch football tournament in the world. Students are also provided with the opportunity to compete in the SECA Sport, Season 2 competition. Training begins in Term 2. Like most sports at St Thomas More College, students can progress to representative teams, through our Eastern Districts Taipans and Met West trials.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Sport Season 2 Competition	Term 3	7-12
Kings Touch Football Challenge	Term 3	7-12
QLD All Schools Touch Tournament	Term 4	7-12

UNIFORM

Students must wear STMC sport shirt or STMC sport singlet with STMC sport shorts or STMC bike pants (girls only) during touch football games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

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Volleyball

STMC has a proud tradition in volleyball and has a trophy cabinet to prove it. Each year the college sends teams away to the Volleyball QLD Schools Cup and competes strongly in the SECA competition. In 2023 alone, both our Senior teams and Year 8 Boys collected medals at their respective VQ Schools Cup, and the college is looking forward to more success in 2024. Training and trials for our volleyball teams begin in Term 1. As with all other sports at STMC, students can progress to representative teams, through our Eastern District Taipans and Met West trials.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Sport Season 1 Competition	Term 2	7-12
VQ Intermediate Schools Cup	Term 2	9-10
VQ Senior Schools Cup	Term 3	Open
VQ Junior Schools Cup	Term 4	7-8

UNIFORM

Students are to wear STMC Sport Shirt with STMC Sport Shorts or STMC Bike Pants (Girls only) during volleyball games, unless otherwise specified by the coach. All these uniform items are available from the College's Uniform Shop.

STAFF CONTACT

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Strength & Conditioning Program

STMC offers high class gym facilities to all enrolled students in Year 7-12. The gym is open to all STMC students who want to improve their strength and conditioning. All students must first undergo an induction prior to using the gym facilities.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The program aims to provide students with the opportunity to:

- Develop their skills in an inclusive, supportive, and stimulating environment.
- Be involved in a structured personal development program that instills lifelong skills that encompass healthy and active lifestyles.
- Learn how to correctly train with safe, age appropriate and supervised exercise prescription, enhance their physical literacy and movement skills and improve on muscular imbalances to reduce the risk of injury.
- Be exposed to a variety of different training, including strength, speed and power development, conditioning, flexibility, and injury prevention programs.
- Skills to develop physical fitness for life.
- Support St Thomas More College student's strength and conditioning goals.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	General Strength & Conditioning
Friday 3:30pm – 4:30pm	General Strength & Conditioning

This program operates all year round. For more information on the Strength & Conditioning program please contact Mr Stephen Undery (sundry1@stmc.qld.edu.au).

Athlete Development Program (ADP)

The Athlete Development Program (ADP) was introduced at STMC for the first time in 2023. This 'invitation only' program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop their physical and mental attributes, to help them succeed in their chosen sport and in the wider community.

PURPOSE

The ADP seeks to provide selected STMC students with the opportunity to:

- 🏆 Identify performance pathways to progress in their given sport/s.
- 🏆 Enhance their physiological & psychological capabilities in an inclusive, supportive, and stimulating environment.
- 🏆 Enhance their leadership qualities to benefit personal, educational, and vocational endeavours. Gain access to technical coaching, with support from industry specialists within:
 - Sports Psychology, Nutrition, Physiotherapy
 - Strength & General Conditioning - Running, agility & speed technique and Dynamic strength & power development
- 🏆 Be involved in a structured personal development program that seeks to instill lifelong skills which support holistic health & wellbeing, not just sporting performance.
- 🏆 Be purposefully mentored with a view of challenging the athlete's mental and physical capabilities in relation to training and in-competition demands.





PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 🏆 1 x ADP specific lesson
- 🏆 2 x Strength & Conditioning lessons a week
- 🏆 Emphasis on holistic athlete development, catering for a range of team and individual sports
- 🏆 Practical and theory perspective, not just sport-specific skills
- 🏆 Facilitated independent fitness program designed by Mr Jay Paterson (Cert III & IV Fitness, Diploma of Sports Development)

The ADP operates all year round before school, and may require students to attend additional ADP experiences, such as guest speakers and excursions outside of this time. For students to be a part of the ADP they must be accepted after undergoing an Expression of Interest (EOI) and application process. For more information on the ADP please contact Mr Stephen Undery (sundry1@stmc.qld.edu.au) or Mr Jay Paterson (jay.paterson@stmc.qld.edu.au).

Other Sports

Students can also compete and trial in other sports at St Thomas More College. These include:

-  AFL
-  Cricket
-  Oz Tag
-  Tennis

Trials for these sports occur leading up to the competition. Students are reminded to pay close attention to notices, emails, and assemblies to ensure they do not miss any opportunities.

COMPETITIONS

	Term	Year Level
SECA Cricket Carnival	Term 1	7-12
SECA OzTag (SECA Sport Season 1 Competition)	Term 2	7-12
SECA Tennis (SECA Sport Season 2 Competition)	Term 3	7-12
SECA AFL Carnival	Term 4	7-12

STMC Sport Code of Conduct









The following code of conduct highlights the level of expected behaviour of students, parents and spectators when participating in or attending sporting events at or for St Thomas More College. Any students found in breach of the 'STMC Sport Code of Conduct' or any school rules, will be referred to the College behavioural support processes.

Consequences for spectators not honouring this code of conduct may include staff or event officials warning offenders about their conduct, asking offenders to leave venues, banning offenders from future events, and calling police to intervene where necessary.









Please ensure that you have read and understand this code of conduct prior to participating in or attending any sporting events that the College organises or is a part of. Further information is available by contacting St Thomas More College on (07) 3323 4600.

Please note ignorance of the contents of this Code will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

-  Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance. Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
-  Never argue with the Judge's, Referee's, or Umpire's decisions. Always demonstrate the Principles of Fair Play.
-  Control your temper, no criticism by word or gesture.
-  Work equally hard for yourself and your team; your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
-  Be a good sport. Encourage and support your own team members.
-  Show respect for yourself, your teammates, officials, your opponents, and their skills. Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others.
-  Always wear the official college/team uniform, as directed by college staff or officials. Stay in the designated team area and support other team members during times when you are not competing.
-  Follow all directions of college staff and officials.

Expectations OF PARENTS AND SPECATORS'

-  Cooperate with the College to achieve the best outcomes for your child.
-  Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students. Maintain positive relationships with college staff and team officials regarding your child's learning, wellbeing and behaviour.
-  Encourage participation by your children.
-  Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
-  Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, college staff, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
-  Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty. Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
-  Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
-  Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke-free and alcohol-free environment.

STMC Sport Selection Policy

Selection into St Thomas More College sporting teams provides an opportunity for our students, who are proficient in the fundamental skills related to their chosen sport, to extend their skills and compete against similarly skilled students from other schools. All students can trial for relevant school teams; however, eligibility and selection criteria are used to determine team selections. Being selected to represent St Thomas More College in sport is an honour and students who represent the College have the responsibility to always compete in a manner that demonstrates exemplary behaviour, including the principles of fair play.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following are pre-selection criteria used to determine student eligibility to represent St Thomas More College in a sporting team. Eligibility criteria will be determined by the Program Leader – Sport in conjunction with the relevant members of College Leadership, Pastoral and Curriculum Leaders.

Behaviour: Students must exhibit behaviour that aligns with the College Expectations. The behaviour of students at school and on school activities, including sport and excursions, will be considered.

Learning Expectations: Students need to be up to date with their learning and where representation in STMC Sport occurs during class time, students need to demonstrate the ability to implement a plan to catch up on missed learning.

Attendance: Student attendance rates including unexplained absences will be considered, particularly where the sporting event is scheduled within class time.

SELECTION CRITERIA

After meeting the eligibility criteria, the selection of teams is at the discretion of the team coach/manager. The team coach/manager may use other key stakeholders (teachers, support staff, development officers, officials, etc) to help make team selections. Team selections made by the team coach/manager are final. St Thomas More College follows a series of guidelines to ensure the selection process is fair and transparent.

The criterion for selection includes:

Student Ability and Natural Athleticism: Students need to demonstrate an ability or natural athleticism in the sport that they are trialing for.

Attitude including demonstrating the principles of fair play: Students need to display a positive attitude and the principles of fair play in both victory and defeat.

Commitment and Reliability: Students need to commit to the team for which they trial, for the duration of the season. This includes attendance at any scheduled training sessions. Failure to commit fully to the team and regularly attend training sessions, even after selection in the team, may result in the student being left out of the team.

Previous Playing Experience: Previous playing experience of the student while representing the school, district/region/state and club will be considered when selecting teams.

Balance of the Team: Students must display an ability to work well with other students in the team. Student's specific positional skills as well as versatility to play alternative positions to best help the team perform are also considered.

2024 STMC Sport Calendar

TERM 1	TERM 2	June/July Holidays	TERM 3	TERM 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Feb 6: SECA Mass ➤ FEB 7: Eastern District Swimming Trials ➤ FEB 16: STMC Swimming Carnival ➤ FEB 21: MW Swimming Trials ➤ FEB 22: SECA Cricket Carnival Day 1 ➤ FEB 29: SECA Cricket Carnival Day 2 ➤ MAR 6: SECA Swimming Carnival ➤ MAR 12: Brisbane Metro Futsal Titles ➤ MAR 15: STMC Sport Trivia Night ➤ Bill Turner & UhlSport Football Trials ➤ Confraternity Shield RL Trials ➤ QISSN Netball Trials ➤ VQ Schools Cup Volleyball Trials ➤ Eastern District/Met West Sport Trials ➤ SECA Season 1 Trials (Futsal / Rugby League / Netball / Volleyball / eSports) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ APR 19: STMC Cross Country Carnival ➤ APR 24: Eastern District Cross Country Trials ➤ MAY 2: SECA Season 1, Match Day 1 ➤ MAY 9: SECA Season 1, Match Day 2 ➤ MAY 16: SECA Season 1, Match Day 3 ➤ MAY 18: FISAF Aerobics Super Series ➤ MAY 21: QC Netball Schools Cup ➤ MAY 22: MW Cross Country Trials ➤ MAY 23: SECA Season 1, Back-Up Day ➤ MAY 29: SECA Cross Country Carnival ➤ MAY 31-JUN 2: VQ Intermed. Schools Cup ➤ JUN 1-2: Kokoda ➤ JUN 4: Vicki Wilson Cup Netball Carnival ➤ JUN 7-8: FISAF Aerobics QLD Super Series ➤ Bill Turner/UhlSport Cup Football ➤ CBSQ Basketball Trials ➤ VQ Schools Cup Volleyball Trials ➤ QLD All Schools Touch Trials ➤ Eastern District/Met West Sport Trials ➤ SECA Season 2 Trials (Basketball / Football / Tennis / Touch Football) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JUN 26 – JUL 1 QISSN JUL 26 – JUL 1 Confraternity Shield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ JUL 12: STMC Athletics Carnival ➤ JUL 15-16 Eastern District Athletics ➤ JUL 18: SECA Season 2 Match Day 1 ➤ JUL 19-20: FISAF Aerobics State Championships ➤ JUL 25: SECA Season 2 Match Day 2 ➤ AUG 1: SECA Season 2 Match Day 3 ➤ AUG 2: QRU Moreton Bay Q7's ➤ AUG 4-6: VQ Senior Schools Cup ➤ AUG 6-9: CBSQ Wildcard Tournament ➤ AUG 7: SECA Athletics Carnival ➤ AUG 15: SECA Season 2, Back-Up Day ➤ AUG 16-17: FISAF Aerobics Future Champs ➤ AUG 20: All Schools Pre-Lim Carnival ➤ AUG 27-28: MW Athletics Trials ➤ AUG 28: SECA Rugby 7's Carnival Day 1 ➤ AUG 29: SECA Rugby 7's Carnival Day 2 ➤ SEP 10-11: Kings Touch Football Carnival ➤ SEP 12-15: CBSQ Basketball ➤ Eastern District/Met West Sport Trials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OCT 2-6: QLD All Schools Touch ➤ OCT 11: Sport Awards Evening ➤ OCT 23: SECA AFL9's Carnival ➤ OCT 18-20: VQ Junior Schools Cup ➤ NOV 2: QRU Independent Schools 7's ➤ NOV 15: MRSA Aerobics Showcase ➤ Eastern District/Met West Sport Trials

2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: 22 JAN - 28 MAR (10 Weeks) | Term 2: 15 APR - 21 JUN (10 Weeks) | Term 3: 8 JUL - 13 SEP (10 Weeks) | Term 4: 30 SEP – 6 DEC (10 Weeks)