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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

At Good Shepherd Catholic College, we are extremely privileged to have such talented young sports men and women. Developing the physical potential of our students is one of the many ways we live our mission here at the College, of providing holistic education. Representing the College through sport, helps to shape the identity of our College. Students should be particularly proud of their selection, as it is something to which others at our College aspire.

There is a great deal of expectation and responsibility that comes with being selected into a Representative Team. All students and parents/guardians agree to these conditions upon selection. It is important to be familiar with these expectations in order to support these young men and women. Currently, students are preparing for the Confraternity Shield and QISSN carnivals. As such, there are a number of expectations that must be reiterated:

Training

As a requirement of both the Confraternity and QISSN team, students are expected to attend all training for the full period of time or as directed by their coach. This means that training is a priority, over some other commitments. In order for students to be involved with and travel away with their team, they must attend training.

Academic success

Extra care and diligence must be taken in order to meet the demands of school work, homework and assessment, in order to succeed academically. It is an expectation that students in these teams will achieve sound results or higher in most of their subjects. If students do not commit to their studies or fail subjects, their position on the team may be re-evaluated.

Attendance

If students are absent from school due to illness or other matters, the student should not be at training or games that same day. If students are present, the coach will not allow that student to participate due to duty of care. If students are not regularly attending school, or have less than 75% attendance, their position on the team will also be re-evaluated.



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Behaviour

As part of a Representative team at our College, it is expected that students adhere to the College expectations i.e.,

1. Respect all people and things - This includes being respectful to their teammates, opponents and officials (coach/assistant coach, manager and support staff) at all times. They must also use appropriate language when training and competing, and ensure they are modelling good sportsmanship. This also refers to behaviour at school. Students with a high number of RTC referrals will also have their position on the team re-evaluated.
2. Be in the right place at the right time - Students are asked to be on time to training and games. They must also abide by time restrictions/curfews when away at tournaments/carnivals. This also includes assisting with fundraising events.
3. Come prepared to learn - This includes having the right equipment and playing gear for all training and games. It also suggests that students wear the appropriate attire when not training/playing games (particularly at open/closing ceremonies) and are neat/tidy, as they are representing our College.
4. Follow instructions the first time - Students are expected to follow the instructions of the coach/assistant coach, manager and other support staff at all times, without argument/discussion.

If students are not able to follow these expectations and requirements, a meeting must be arranged with the team officials and myself as soon as possible. The choice to forfeit their position on the team causes significant burden on others travelling away; however, it is more important that students are positively representing the College. It is a great privilege to represent our College, and we are extremely proud of our students here. We are also so grateful for those who graciously give up their time to support these students. To the parents, for their tireless efforts and countless hours of support. Lastly, to our team officials (coaches, managers and support staff) who volunteer their time after school, on weekends and during the holidays, to develop our students and help them to achieve their goals/aspirations.

If you have any questions to the above, please feel free to contact myself at the College on 07 4749 9400 or via email at jharries@goodshepherd.catholic.edu.au

Regards,

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