



30 May, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Edward's Football Academy – Expression of Interest

The St Edward's Football Academy is being offered as a new initiative for students at the College. The academy is designed to provide students with an opportunity to supplement their current training and further develop their skills, fitness, and game play in football. The St Edward's Football Academy will provide an engaging and creative training program for students, utilising the coaching and playing structures and philosophies from Football Federation Australia and the English Football Association.

The College is looking for students who have played football previously as part of a team, inside or outside of school and should be passionate about the 'beautiful game'. The experience will nurture a culture of commitment and engagement that positively promotes health and wellbeing for our students.

Under the direction of the highly qualified and experienced College coaching staff, students will be challenged to develop themselves both on and off the football field. Students will also gain further experience and qualifications in coaching and refereeing through our Academy partners Central Coast Football Association.

In 2024, positions in the St Edward's Football Academy will be offered to students born in 2009, 2010 and will run from the beginning of Term 3 through to the end of the academic year. The program will initially be limited to a maximum of eighteen student participants, with plans to expand in 2025.

Students who would like to be considered are asked to write a one-page expression of interest letter to the College Principal, addressing the key selection criteria outlined below. The closing date for applications is 3pm on Friday June 14 (Week 7) and should be emailed to: principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

After the closing date, and in the event of too many applications, the Principal, Leader of Learning – Sport and College football coaching staff will determine the most appropriate students to attend, according to the key selection criteria.

Key Selection Criteria

- A brief description of reasons for applying for a position in the St Edward's College Football Academy.
- Demonstrated participation and support of the College Sporting Programs and Social Justice Program.
- Satisfactory achievement in the College Learner Profile.
- Currently representing a local or representative Football Club.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici
College Principal