



AFL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

(Contains Important Financial Information)

2024

AFL Excellence Program 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Your student has expressed a desire to be a part of the 2024 AFL Excellence Program. The AFL School of Excellence program aims to create active, well rounded and connected young people who excel in AFL and are prepared to overcome challenges, achieve success and positively contribute to their community. The program provides male and female students in Years 7-9 with the opportunity to develop their skills and provide a genuine learning pathway in AFL and sports studies through schooling and beyond. Students will study AFL as part of their junior secondary curriculum studies.

Students in the program will gain access to a high-quality sporting program developed in partnership with AFL Queensland with recognised accredited AFL coaches and teachers. Students will study HPE together for the academic year and will be engaged in extracurricular AFL excursions and activities.

The program focuses on a holistic approach to talent development which is made up of 4 core areas:

1. **Athlete Development:** Enhancement of fundamental skills, fitness, game knowledge and performance habits.
2. **Promoting Personal Growth:** Through the development of leadership skills, wellbeing, communication and teamwork.
3. **Community:** Increased participation in the Greater Springfield AFL Community whether it's on the field as a player, or umpire, or off the field as a coach or volunteer at the local AFC club.
4. **Future Pathways:** Students will be provided with a range of career pathways through the practical experience in AFL and related areas such sports performance, sports psychology and nutrition along with the opportunity to gain qualifications in areas such as coaching and umpiring. The AFL program will have direct alignment to senior pathways in the senior phase of learning including Certificate III in Fitness, Physical Education and Sport and Recreation

EXTRA-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES

Students will be engaged in a number of experiences from year 7 to 9 that will help develop the student around our core aims of the program. The possible experiences that the students will have the opportunity to participate in are:

- Participation in competitions such as the AFLQ schools of Excellence Cup and 9 a side Gala Days
- Mentoring by highly qualified coaches supported by AFLQ
- Access to Professional AFL Education Programs including guest speakers on key topics (Training Habits, Sports Psychology, Nutrition, recovery)
- Attend professional game day experiences
- Brighton Home Stadium experiences
- Leadership development and camp
- Strength and conditioning
- Umpiring and coaching qualifications

EXPECTATIONS

Before committing to the AFL Excellence Program, it is important that you review the code of conduct with your child to fully understand and be aware of the commitments required to be a successful AFL Excellence student.

- Students should demonstrate a desire and ability to play AFL
- Maintain a B or above in effort and behaviour on academic report cards
- Students must maintain an attendance of 90% and above and provide explanations for any absences
- Abide by the school's behaviour expectations and policies – Woodcrest State College Student Code of Conduct.
- Demonstrate sportsmanship and fair play at all times.

- Wear the school uniform in the correct manner at all times. Academy shirts only to be worn during training sessions.
- Students are responsible for being on time to school and attend all practice sessions
- Students are expected to participate in all school AFL games and Woodcrest Sport carnivals including Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country.
- **All students will be required to sign an agreement and pay \$150 annual fee which includes; training shirt, referee costs, transport costs, equipment, competition levies and the cost of extra-curricular activities. Camp will incur additional costs.**
- **Any further activities will be optional with additional subsidies costs. E.g., End of year celebrations, additional extra-curricular activities.**

PLAYERS AGREEMENT

As a condition of enrolment students agree to and sign the attached players agreement that outlines their responsibility. Failure to adhere to this may result in the Academy Coordinator or HOD HPE removing the student from the program. Parents are also expected to be aware of and countersign both the player agreement and the fee agreement as attached.

PAYMENT OF PROGRAM FEES

- **Please note due to ongoing operational costs all fees are non-refundable.** Academy Coordinators do their utmost to provide a quality experience and in the absence of a Gala Day during the year for any reason will seek to replace this with an appropriate competition.
- **The cost of the Program is \$150 with a \$50 deposit to be paid on acceptance of offer in to the program by the 27th October 2023.** The \$50 will be deducted from the program fees. The remainder of the program fees will need to be paid by the conclusion of Term 1, 2024.
- An invoice will be generated in line with the school's normal payment structure after which payment will be due by the nominated due date on the invoice. If a payment plan or fee payable is not made by the conclusion of Term 1 your child will be no longer be eligible for the AFL Academy Program and placed in the general curriculum program.
- If my child does not attend training or fails to adhere to the signed players agreement, they may be removed the program resulting in not being eligible for a refund.

SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCESS:

- All current AFL excellence students interested in applying for the AFL excellence program for 2024 must submit an Expression of Interest and players agreement to Holly Green in the HPE staffroom or by email to hgree112@eq.edu.au by Tuesday, 14th September, 2023.
- All Year 6 students and new student enrolments must complete a **Woodcrest College enrolment enquiry** located under the following pathway on the college website at; <https://woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au/enrolments/enrolling-at-our-college/enrolment-enquiry>
- All Year 6 students applying for the program are required to attend a Trial Day.
- All students who are successful will receive a letter of offer via email by Tuesday 3rd October 2023. To accept the offer, a reply email will be required to accept your student's position along with a \$50 confirmation fee (credited towards the 2024 AFL excellence program fee) and received by Friday 27th October, 2023.

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone: 07 3280 2444 (Campus Administration)

Office Hours: 8.00am - 3.30pm

Email: secondary.office@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au

Website: www.woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au

Finance: accounts@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au

CHECKLIST FOR AFL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

All information below **MUST BE** supplied with your application. Applications which are incomplete will not be processed.

TICK	DOCUMENTATION
	Completed "Expression of Interest into AFL Excellence Academy Program 2024"
	Completed "Personal Statements- Student to Complete"
	Completed and signed "AFL Excellence Academy Program- Student Agreement"
	Completed and signed "Parent Agreement"

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INTO AFL EXCELLENCE ACADEMY PROGRAM 2024

STUDENT DETAILS													
FIRST NAME							SURNAME						
DATE OF BIRTH							GENDER						
	D	D	M	M	Y	Y							
STUDENT'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	UNIT/STREET NO.							STREET NAME:					
	SUBURB:							POST CODE:					
YEAR LEVEL APPLYING FOR IN 2024 (Please Circle)						Year 7		Year 8		Year 9			
IS YOUR CHILD CURRENTLY REGISTERED AND DO THEY PLAY FOR A LOCAL AFL SPORTS CLUB?								YES		NO			
Please list the Club:													

PARENT DETAILS													
PARENT 1						PARENT 2							
FIRST NAME						FIRST NAME							
SURNAME						SURNAME							
PHONE NUMBER						PHONE NUMBER							
EMAIL ADDRESS						EMAIL ADDRESS							
DOES PARENT 1 RESIDE WITH THE STUDENT					YES	NO	DOES PARENT 2 RESIDE WITH THE STUDENT?					YES	NO
ADDRESS (if different from student)						ADDRESS (if different from student)							

PERSONAL STATEMENTS- STUDENTS TO COMPELTE

Why would you like to be involved in the AFL program at Woodcrest State College in 2024?

Are you currently involved in your sporting community? If so, what sport, what club and how are you involved?

The Woodcrest AFL Program is not only about athlete development but also about personal growth including; leadership, commitment, sportsmanship and team work. Give an example of how you have demonstrated one of these attributes in your sporting community or school.

Have you been involved in any sport at a representative level? (This could include: District &/ or regional representation such as Met West, Academy selection, club representative teams)

AFL EXCELLENCE ACADEMY PROGRAM

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge the following;

- I will ensure I attend at least 90% of the assigned training sessions for my program.
- I will ensure I notify my academy coordinator of any absence from training or competitions via email the evening before or morning of my absence.
- I commit to supporting my AFL excellence team to reach its full potential by;
- Respecting myself and others through my communication, behavior and engagement in the program.
- Ensure I am Responsible for my own actions and commit to bettering those around me as when we make others better, we get better ourselves.
- Display Resilience in the way I handle adversity, setbacks, celebrations and success, acknowledging the feelings and actions of others, whilst being mindful of the way my reaction can impact those around me.
- Manage my time and energy to ensure I can give maximum effort and engagement to my AFL excellence program and consistently communicate with my coaches to ensure peak performance.

I, _____ (Insert Name) of _____ (Insert Roll Class)
acknowledge the above conditions and understand failure to adhere to these may result in my removal from the AFL Excellence Program and preclude further involvement in the future.

_____ (Signed Student)

Date: / /

PARENT AGREEMENT

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Woodcrest AFL Excellence Program and agree to support the terms of the above players agreement.

I also acknowledge the following;

- All fees (\$150) for the AFL excellence program are non-refundable. All fees are to be paid in full by the conclusion of Term 1, 2024.
- A \$50 Payment (deducted from the program fee) is required by Friday 27th October 2023 to secure my place in the program.
- Failure to uphold the expectations of the program may result in my child's removal from the program.
- If my child does not attend training or fails to adhere to the signed players agreement, they may be removed the program resulting in not being eligible for a refund.

Name of Parent: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)



Mrs Michelle Gianotti
Head of Department HPE



Mrs Holly Green
AFL Coordinator



Mrs Kelsey Oakes
Secondary Principal

