

## Some Frequently Asked Questions

The Targeted Sports Program is all about *player development*, it is NOT about games or game time.

The focus of the Target Sports Program is *training*, and as such, games are not guaranteed. In any given year the number of games played for each sport will be dependent upon the respective sport, the nature of competition/s entered, as well as the age group that the team is competing in.

In most cases game time, will not be equal. Furthermore, game time is not guaranteed.

### ***Who oversees the Talented Sports Program?***

At the stage, the main points are John Dillon (Interim Director of Sports) and Craig Butler (Principal, Eagle Vale High School). A permanent appointment to the position of Director of Sports will be made during Term 1 2024, with an anticipated start in Term 2 2024.

### ***Who are the coaches?***

All coaches are fully qualified and highly experienced. Some sports may have external coaches at various times. Coaches provide progress reports to parents throughout the year.

### ***Will my child miss class for Talented Sports Program?***

No. Your child will attend the same number of hours as any other student in any other school. The Talented Sports Program will be run as an elective subject in Year 9; training will occur during elective class time and outside of normal school hours (if needed). For students in Year 7, the training sessions may need to be scheduled out of school hours.

### ***If my child is away from school at a sporting event – what do I do?***

Inform the school with as much notice as possible. Work can be arranged for the time of absence.

### ***How does my child catch up missed schoolwork if they are away for games or competitions?***

Although students are ultimately responsible for catching up work, teaching staff are supportive and will work with your child to ensure that they catch up on any work.

### ***How will the school communicate with the families?***

Facebook or other electronic means will be used for communication. Targeted Sports Program permission notes will be available as digital forms or as a paper copy. The Director of Sport is the main point of contact for all sport related issues.

### ***Is there a fee involved?***

Yes. The Talented Sports Program is a user pays program with fees used to pay external coaches, purchase training gear, school Jumper, sport polo shirt, pay for venues, referees, and so on. All other uniform items will need to be purchased from school. The annual fee will be \$1000, plus transport costs for various competitions and events. Fees are payable in instalments and (limited) Financial Hardship Scholarships may be available on application.

### ***How do I apply?***

Complete the Application Form and return it to school. Once these have been assessed, successful applicants will be invited to attend Trials. Following the Trials, successful applicants will be invited to attend an interview with a selection panel. If selected for the program, you will be given the appropriate information to complete your enrolment.

***I'm not in a representative team – does that matter?***

Students need to demonstrate sporting potential, 'coachability' and the right attitude. Students are not required to be superstars at age 11! In fact, the Targeted Sports Program may help students gain selection into local representative teams through the extra training and fitness sessions they do at school. However, there is a basic level of fitness and skill ability as well as specific sporting criteria to meet. It is highly recommended that students are also enrolled in their local sporting club in their chosen sport.

***What are the expectations of the Targeted Sports Program?***

- Attend all training sessions and be prepared. Bring a note if injured.
- Wear full school uniform.
- Participate in school carnivals.
- Pay fees.
- Maintain excellent attendance.
- Maintain a high standard of academic achievement and behaviour.

***How do I get to school as a non-local enrolment?***

- Normal bus services run for most of our students.
- Students can catch the train to Campbelltown Station and a bus to school.
- Students do need a School Opal card for free travel. The Opal card must be always with the student while travelling. Apply for your card online.

***How many students are in the Target Sports Program?***

- This will vary over time.
- In 2025, there will be three sports on offer: Basketball, Cricket, and Rugby League. Students in Years 7 and 9 in 2025 will be participating in the program in these sports.
- In 2026, the same three sports will be on offer, but applications will be called from students who will be in Years 7 – 10.
- New sports will be introduced in 2027.