January 2016

Dear Parents and Students

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM 2016

Our first student day in 2016, Tuesday, 2 February is fast approaching. All students of Years 8 - 12 are reminded that they have Sport during the afternoon Sport Lessons of the first week of school. Note: Some Senior teams (Years 10 -12) will actually have a competition match on Wednesday, 3 February in order to play matches that are scheduled during Camp Week. This will avoid a forfeit for these teams. All students must be ready with correct Sports uniforms and must be sure that they check the Sport Notices when they return on Tuesday 2 February. Year 9 students should be prepared for cycling and Year 8 students should be ready for athletics and swimming.

Again, Huntingtower will have teams entered in both the Central and Southern Divisions thus the majority of students will be involved in inter-school competition. On Sport days, students will be dismissed at 3.40pm at the regular finishing time.

Should students be unable to participate in sport on any occasion they must hand an explanatory note addressed to Ms Savage, from a parent or guardian, by recess time.

Weekly Sports notices are to be read by each student. They are posted around the school and will be emailed on a weekly basis to students via their Huntingtower email address.

To prepare for the EISM Weekly Sport Competition, compulsory trainings are held for all EISM Teams. Senior Teams train on Tuesday afternoons from 4.00pm-5.00pm in Terms 1, 2 and 3, while Years 8 & 9 teams train on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm–5.00pm in in Terms 2, 3 and 4. In all, this will be about 5 sessions a term. Students may go directly home in Sport uniform after Sport and training sessions.

In preparation for the 2016 Huntingtower House Swimming and the EISM Swimming Carnivals, the Swimming Program will operate during the PE lessons for Years 7 – 10 and in Sport Sessions for Years 7 – 9, from Week 1 to Week 6 (Senior School Camp Week excluded, except for Year 7 students.) All students are expected to participate in the Swimming Program and in the Senior House Swimming Carnival (Friday 19, February). The focus of the Program is safety and survival (needed for camp programs), fitness, and competition preparation.

Concurrent to the Swimming Program, the Athletics Program will operate for Years 7 - 9 in Sport time. This means that these students will need to have both their PE uniform and their bathers and towel at school for these sessions. In addition, the Year 9 students will participate in the Bike Riding Program, as a part of the Year 9 Challenge Program.

Additional House swimming training sessions at HSAC are available for all students who wish to prepare for the House Carnival. Year 11 and 12 Students are particularly encouraged to make use of these times. (Note: these are not ‘Learn to Swim’ lessons.)

DAY/DATES: Mather & Rayner Houses: Friday 5 February, Mondays 8 & 15 February 2016
Bruce & Warrell Houses: Wednesdays 3, 10 & 17 February 2016
TIME: 7.00am – 8.00am

I wish all students and their families the very best for 2016 and look forward to many more student successes in Sport during the year.

Jan Savage
Head of Sport

Noel Davies
Vice Principal