MARYMEDE CATHOLIC COLLEGE - PRIMARY SPORTS AND GUILDS

At Marymede Catholic College we believe in the importance of encouraging and promoting students to adopt and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. Students attending Marymede have many and varied opportunities to participate in physical education and sports. In the primary years these include; regular physical education lessons, weekly guild sports activities, inter-school sports and major carnivals.

GUILD SPORTS, CARNIVALS AND ACTIVITIES
Every student who attends Marymede Catholic College is a member of a Guild. There are six College Guilds and each has a patron and colour. They are Chanel, Chisholm, Marcellin, McAuley, McCormack and Romero. On guild sports and activity days, students wear their coloured Guild uniform.

Students participate in weekly guild sport competitions with students from their year level. They play traditional and modified games. In addition to the weekly guild sport, students compete in major Guild Carnivals throughout the year, including the Walkathon, Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming and Activity Days, that include modified games.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
Marymede Catholic College is part of the Bridge Inn District sporting competition. This competition currently consists of eight primary schools in the local area being; Morang South Primary School, The Lakes, St Joseph’s Mernda, St Mary’s Whittlesea, Whittlesea Primary, Gilson College, Hazelglen Primary and Marymede Catholic College.

Sporting Pathway; Bridge Inn District progress to Whittlesea/Woodlands Division then to Northern Metropolitan Region and finally State. Should we progress from the Bridge Inn District squads may have to be reduced at the next stages to fall in line with School Sports Victorian guidelines. Larger squads are chosen to provide greater opportunity, cover illnesses and injury and cater for multiple games. At further stages only one game may be scheduled so some players may miss out.

One Day Round Robin Competitions
Students have the opportunity to compete in one day round robin competitions. For most sports, these teams can be made up of Year 5 and 6 students, with the exception of Basketball, where teams of Year 3 and 4 students can also participate. The College arranges transport for the students and supervise and coach on these occasions. The sports we play are as follows: Cricket, T-Ball, Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball.

Weekly Competitions
Teams of students also compete in weekly interschool competitions in Football and Netball in Term Two. Marymede teams play each school in the competition once in the Home and Away season. Should we finish 1st or 2nd we then play in the Grand Final. For Football the College can enter one team into the competition. For Netball, there are two Marymede teams being an A and B team. All games are played on Friday mornings. The College arranges transport for the students and supervises and coaches on these occasions.
Larger squads are chosen to play in these teams throughout the season in order to cater for illness, absences and provide greater opportunities. In the event we qualify for the Grand Final only the designated amount of players as stipulated by School Sports Victoria can participate. Thus not all players can be selected to play.
**Major Carnivals**

There are three major interschool Carnivals; Swimming in Term One, Cross Country in Term Two and Athletics in Term Three. Teams are entered in three categories; 10 Year Olds, 11 Year Olds and 12/13 Year Olds.

**Major Carnivals against other schools: Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics**

Marymede competes in the Bridge Inn District in 3 major carnivals. Students compete in 3 age groups 10 Year Olds, 11 Year Olds and 12/13 Year Olds. The age group is determined by what age the student will be turning that year. The College arranges transport for the students and supervises and coaches on these occasions.

Individual students who win an A event can progress to the District competition, where they can take the opportunity to represent the College against winners from other Districts. Event A Relay Teams winners can also progress to the District competition. As a small number of individual students progress to the Division, Regional and State competitions, it may be the responsibility of parents to transport and supervise their children at these competitions. The College will inform you of the time, date and venue of these events and if transportation is required depending on the number of participants who have qualified.

**Selection Processes**

It is not possible for all students to represent the College in an inter School competition. Selection to a team is based on merit. That is, the staff member who is designated as coach for that sport, selects the best performing individuals to make up the highest performing team, to compete against other local schools. The Head of Primary Guilds and Sports organises staff members to take on the role of coach and also oversees the selection of all students and teams for interschool competitions.

The process for selection is two-fold. Firstly students from Years 5 and/or 6 are selected to an initial squad, based on their participation in the weekly Guild sports program. Squads then train at lunchtime with a designated coach. Secondly, the performances of students at lunchtime training sessions then determines the final selection of students and teams to compete against other schools.

Consideration is given to students who have not been able to compete in the Guild weekly Competition as a result of school absences. These students are given the opportunity to train with the initial squad before the final team is chosen.

The College chooses **Premier Teams** for the A competition. There are no limits on many Premier Teams a student can be selected for. Students from either Grade 5 and/or Grade 6 are eligible for Premier Teams. The College chooses **Participation Teams** for the B Competitions. Selection in these teams is shared around for maximum participation. Preference is given to Grade 6 students over Grade 5’s regardless of ability.

The Bridge Inn District Sporting Competition continues to endeavour to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to participation in their competitions.

**The Selection Panel will make all selection choices and their decision will be final.**
**Student Behaviour**
When representing the College at interschool sports competitions, all students must adhere to exemplary behaviour standards; demonstrate respect to their coaches, fellow team mates, opposition players and the umpires. Failure to do so, either at training or during a competition, will jeopardise their place on the team or put at risk the opportunity to represent the College at any future events that year.

If a student misses classes due to representing the College at an Interschool sports competition, it is the responsibility of the student to communicate with their teacher and complete any class work that was missed due to their absence. Failure to do so, will jeopardise their opportunity to be chosen again to represent the College that year.

**Sportspersons of the Year**
At the end of each school year, presentation of a ‘Sportsperson of the Year’ will be awarded to a male and female in Years 4, 5 and 6. Throughout the year the coaches will vote on the performances of the students when representing the school. The person with the highest votes will receive the award for their year level. In the event of a tie, multiple awards will be presented.