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Dear Parents,

Your son has been selected to represent the College in an MCC Football team for 2017.

As part of his selection in a College representative sporting team, it is essential that your son understands that representing the College at this level of sport is a privilege, and therefore carries with it certain responsibilities. Take time to read the Players Contract and the MCC Code of Behaviour documents with your son so that he understands the rules, expectations and responsibilities required when he is representing the College.

There is an expectation that all players are available for training each Tuesday after school. Please take particular note of points 3 and 4 in the player's contract regarding an inability to participate in training for a game. A written note or a phone call is the appropriate way to inform the staff member of your son's inability to participate.

It is a requirement of playing in the MCC Football team, that your son wears the Holy Cross Football shorts. These need to be purchased prior to the commencement of Round 1 on Thursday 4th May 2017. These can be purchased at the uniform shop. Players *must* wear shin-pads to take the field and will be provided both Jersey and playing socks for the season.

Please sign and return the permission slip to the MCC Team Manager, by Thursday 4th May. Any student who wishes to depart MCC Sport from a venue must have written permission. Only written Permission from a parent/guardian, signed by Mr. Tim White prior to the game will be accepted.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me on 98081033.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Tim White
Sport and Co-Coordinator

METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGES
CODE
of
BEHAVIOUR

(As approved by the M.C.C. Principals, September 2006)

PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ At all times co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents.
- ❖ Work equally as hard for yourself and your team.
- ❖ Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members.
- ❖ Control your temper. Make no criticism by word or gesture.
- ❖ Maintain a neat and tidy appearance.
- ❖ Compete by the rules and always abide by the referee's/umpire's or judge's decision.
- ❖ If there is some discrepancy in a decision made by a judge/referee/umpire, a respectful request is permissible, by the captain only.
- ❖ Play may be hard and vigorous, but should never be foul or illegal or such as to endanger the person of an opponent, ill-temper or spite should not be shown.
- ❖ Negative play and deliberate time-wasting are unacceptable.

CONDUCT OF COACHES

- ❖ It is the coaches' responsibility to check the team is properly attired.
- ❖ Should remember that players participate for pleasure and winning is only the part of the fun.
- ❖ Should never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or not winning.
- ❖ Should operate within the rules and spirit of the game and encourage their players to do the same.
- ❖ Should not use bad language nor harass players, officials, spectators, referees or other coaches.
- ❖ Should ensure that facilities and equipment meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability level of the players.

CONDUCT OF SPECTATORS/PARENTS

- ❖ Barracking may be enthusiastic, but it should never be designed to heckle, belittle or disturb opposing team members. This includes: booing, whistling, playing or beating musical instruments and is unacceptable.
- ❖ Should not use bad language, nor harass players, coaches, officials, referees or other spectators.
- ❖ Vocal support for any team should never encourage or incite violence, or rough or illegal play.
- ❖ Encroaching on the field of play, or the shouting out of derogatory suggestions for players, referees or umpires to hear, are not appropriate.
- ❖ Special attention needs to be given to spectator behaviour when large school groups are attending Swimming, Athletics Carnival or Grand Finals.
- ❖ At all times, the supporters are expected to ensure that their assigned area is tidy and free of rubbish before leaving the venue.
- ❖ The MCC Code of behaviour will be stressed to all referees and coaches so that bad language during sports games is strongly discouraged and if necessary penalised.
- ❖ Clearly, it is desirable that all M.C.C. competition and activities should be characterised by a truly Christian spirit of involvement. Participation rather than winning at any price ought to hold pride of place.
- ❖ In an attempt to encourage the proper enjoyment of games and other activities by participating students, the following Code of Behaviour has been adopted by the schools of the Association. Whilst it is acknowledged and accepted that each school has specific regulations concerning conduct it is hoped that the Code will be

Holy Cross College Player Code

1. All players are to show respect for their opposition. Players are not to talk to their opponents, except when necessary. There is to be no derogatory or negative remarks to opposition players.
2. Players will not applaud opposition mistakes or use unwarranted noises during pressure times, e.g. free throws in basketball, goal kicks in football.
3. Illegal tactics used for unfair advantage are not to be tolerated. Players can expect to be removed by their coaches as well as referees, if such tactics are employed.
4. Care should be taken to support the Referee or Umpire in the exercise of his/her duties regardless of whether the person is an adult or student.
5. Where interpretation of a decision is required, a respectful request to the Referee or Umpire is permissible, if it is believed that this approach may eliminate any misunderstanding with regard to implementation of rules.
6. Congratulations and thanks or cheers appropriate to the game by the captain and players is to take place at the end of the match.
7. All competitors are bound by their initial commitment which demands a standard of behaviour equal to that of their representative status. Serious breaches of conduct codes may result in suspension from representative sport after consultation with the supervising staff and the Principal. They include:
 - misbehaviour in transit, in public or at venues
 - calling out of buses
 - refusal to follow instructions
 - abuse and/or aggressive language or behaviour towards any staff, students, referees, umpires.
8. Assistance for opponents when it is obviously necessary should be given promptly and in good spirit.
9. A student will not be permitted to take the field if he doesn't have the correct equipment and uniform as per the sport he is representing.

MCC Football 2017

I give my son permission to participate in the MCC Football competition. I authorise the person in charge of the activity to consent (where it is impracticable to communicate with me) to my son's receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

My son and I have read the players contract and the code of conduct document and agree to abide by these statements.

Parent's / Guardian's Signature: _____

Son's Name (please print full name): _____

Son's Signature: _____

Homeroom: _____

Contact Phone Numbers

WORK	HOME	MOBILE	MEDICARE NUMBER (for use at medical centres etc)

Medical Register Information: OHS

Please complete the following if necessary.

Is there any physical / medical / emotional reason that could impact on your son's health/safety during the sports activity (e.g.: serious asthma / injury):

Please State: _____

**Please Return to your Team Coach
by 4th May 2017**