Welcome to MBBC Soccer 2015

On behalf of all staff at MBBC I wish to say thank you for your contribution to the MBBC Soccer program. I hope that your son’s experiences in the MBBC soccer program is rewarding one. The bonds developed through participation in MBBC sporting activities both as an individual and as a member of a team will hopefully give your son and yourself enjoyable life long memories.

Should you require further information regarding the Soccer program I invite you to contact the coaches and managers as detailed within this booklet. Please contact me if you need additional details regarding other sports activities within MBBC.

Best wishes for the upcoming soccer season.

Kind regards,

Mr Scott Emblen
Head of Sport and HPE

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Soccer Supplementary Draw

Teams compete in the GPS and AIC supplementary draw. This draw allocates MBBC teams against GPS and AIC school teams who would otherwise not have had a game that week. The draw is developed each Tuesday for fixtures on the following Saturday. Final details of times and venues for each match are negotiated between Heads of Sport after the draw is announced. It is expected that full fixture details will be available for parents and students by the Wednesday of each week.

Selection and Commitment

Teams will be selected based on performance and skill level at both training and games.

Your selection into the MBBC Soccer squad means that you as a student are required to meet certain expectations.

→ Attend all Saturday morning competitions. Game times may vary slightly due to scheduling.
→ Attend all training sessions
→ Seek permission from your Coach if you cannot meet the above commitments
→ Support your team mates
→ Represent your school at all times with integrity.

Soccer Training and matches

The following teams will be fielded this year. Year 4/5 White, Yr 4/5 Blue, Year 6, Year 7/8, Year 8/9, Year 10/11/12.

The training schedule is as follows:

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All training will take place on the MBBC oval. Students should wear PE uniform plus boots and shin guards to training.

Competitive matches will be played on Saturdays. Yr 4/5/6 matches will be 2 x 20min halves. Secondary school matches are 2 x 25 min halves. **Students are to arrive 30 mins before start time for a warm up.**
Playing uniform

Uniform for all teams is as follows:

- MBBC Soccer Shorts
- MBBC Soccer Jersey
- Long blue socks
- Shin Guards
- Boots

**The soccer shorts and jersey will be provided by MBBC.** Parents will be asked to pay a $20 uniform levy per season to offset the cost of the soccer shorts and jersey. This amount is substantially lower than parents would have paid if required to purchase the uniform.

Socks can be purchased from the MBC uniform shop at the Hargreaves Rd entrance to the MBC campus.

Player expectations

→ It is unacceptable to abuse or curse any other player, or the umpire, on or off the field. Players not heeding this rule will be immediately removed from the match.

→ Should you be unable to attend a training session or match, you are to inform your coach as soon as possible via phone and email. Passing a message on through a team mate is unacceptable.

→ Wear the appropriate Soccer uniform to training and competition games.

→ Show good sportsmanship on and off the field, whether you win, draw or otherwise.

→ Respect school property.

Draw

Supplementary draw schedules will be circulated by close of business on the Wednesday prior to the weekend game.

Competition and training cancellations

If training is cancelled parents will be notified with as much notice as is possible either by text message or by email. Students will be notified via an announcement over the College PA system.

For wet weather impacting matches, call the MBBC Wet Weather Line – 3906 9450 after 6:30am. If the line has not been updated, please assume competitions are continuing as planned.
Transport

It is the responsibility of boys, through parents or carers, to organise their own transportation to and from Competition and training venues.

Please ensure you have adequately anticipated the time required to reach each venue well in advance of your games.

Photographs

Managers and coaches may take photographs of the athletes throughout the season for weekly newsletters and the MBBC Yearbook - MIRROR. Parents and spectators are also encouraged to take photographs and submit these to the Head of Sport and HPE. Please ensure you provide a caption of the people in the photograph or details of the subject (eg. The Year 6’s first goal of the season).

Sports Awards Night

Each team is recognised annually at the MBBC Sports Awards Night. Categories are as follows:

- **Best and Fairest** – selected based a 3, 2, 1 scoring system allocated at the end of each round to the top three players from each team.
- **Most Improved** – selected by the coaches based on their abilities at the start of the season compared to those at the end of the season

Code of Behaviour

**PLAYERS**

- You should play your sports for the good health they promote, the enjoyment of being involved in sporting activities with your friends, and for the satisfaction that comes from doing your best, which will mean accepting victory and defeat in the same, well-balanced manner.
- You should learn the rules of your sport as best you can. Regardless of whether you agree or not, decisions by officials, umpires, referees and selectors should be accepted with equal and due respect.
- Remember that any poor sporting behaviour reflects badly on you, your parents, your coaches and your school. Copy only the good behaviour of well-known sporting figures.
- There is never any excuse for bad language whether at training or when playing.
- Give your teachers, coaches, parents, spectators and officials the respect and thanks they deserve for training you, supporting you, transporting you and generally making your sport possible.
TEACHERS AND COACHES

→ Each student should not be expected to give more than a reasonable time each week to training so that a proper balance is maintained in respect of time allocated to study, religious activities, boarding school or home duties, cultural enjoyment and social activities.

→ Every opportunity afforded by competitive games should be grasped to encourage the social growth of competitors. In this respect all the courtesies should be observed: teams must be punctual and well turned out; the home team should receive the visiting teams in a warm and helpful manner and the courtesies of the particular sport should apply.

→ Create opportunities to teach good sporting behaviour and the concept of fair play. Developing an awareness in players of the responsibilities and the implications of the freedom to choose between fair and unfair play is essential. Breaches of good sporting behaviour should never be ignored.

→ The awareness of the rules of the games, and their observance, is vital for the good order of games.

→ Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.

→ Encourage the development of a sense of achievement that comes from an increasing degree of mastery of complex skills and tactics.

→ Remember that competitive games are for enjoyment and that winning is only part of the process.

→ Ensure that efforts for both skill improvement and good sporting behaviour are rewarded by praise. Players need a coach they can respect, so set a good example.

→ Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of students of all ages. The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into account the maturity level of players.

→ Encourage awareness of the physical fitness value of sports and their life-long recreational benefit.

→ Support all efforts to ensure that there is no verbal or physical abuse in sporting activities.

→ Control comments made in moments of high tension.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

→ While MBBC warmly encourages the full and wholehearted support of parents and other supporters, you are reminded that the competitive games the children play are organised for their benefit and enjoyment.

→ Encourage children always to play by the rules and their interpretation. The good example you set by respecting the decisions of officials can do much to support this. The use of profane language or the harassment of players, coaches and officials does nothing to support the spirit of games, and is condemned by MBBC.

→ Inculcate in children the virtue of honest effort as being as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
→ Your promotion of the ideals of good sporting behaviour and a sense of fair play will only maximise the enjoyment the children derive from playing competitive games. Applaud good play by the team you support and by members of the opposing team.

→ Recognise and support the value and importance of coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child. Vindictive criticism of coaches damages the player/coach relationship and may destroy the good we seek to achieve.

→ Any breach of good sporting behaviour by, or apparent complaint against any official of another school should only be voiced through your school administration on a Principal to Principal basis.