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Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to sporting structures from 2022

From 2022, the ways that Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) schools access inter-school and representative sport through the school will change. This will result in better and more equitable access to high quality sports, sporting competitions and pathways to representative sport for all students.

From the beginning of next year, this will happen only through **the Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sports Council** and/or the **Parramatta Diocese Secondary Schools Sports Council**. All other Catholic systemic schools in NSW will be using the same representative sports pathways.

What does this mean for my child?

This change will see the way St John Paul II Catholic College participates in sport change. However, the change of structure will bring a number of benefits:

- all inter-school sport will be played on a weekday, in school time (notionally from 12:30pm - 3:30pm)
- transport to and from inter-school sport (where required), will be coordinated by the school
- schools will be able to choose from up to twelve (12) inter-school sporting competitions run across three (3) seasons per year
- students will have access to up to twenty-three (23) individual sporting pathways (i.e. sporting competitions at the Diocesan and/or State/National level)
- an increase in sporting and first-aid officials across all sports (where required).

CEDP has been coordinating and supporting Diocesan inter-school competitions and pathways sport since 1995 and we recognise the long history Metropolitan Catholic School (MCS) and Metropolitan Catholic Colleges Sports (MCCS) has played in providing sporting opportunities to St John Paul II Catholic College students.

CEDP Primary and Secondary sports teams have been working with to St John Paul II Catholic College students to develop the expanded inter-school and representative sporting program for 2022. This process will continue during Term 3 and be available to parents during Term 4.

For further information regarding the structure changes to CEDP Sport please contact the college.

Yours sincerely



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