23 January 2018

Dear Parents

I take this opportunity to welcome all students and their families to Villanova College for the commencement of the 2018 year. The following letter contains information regarding the up-coming AFL season of the AIC competition.

On behalf of Matthew Conlan (Year 6 Coach) and myself (Year 5 Coach and AFL Co-ordinator), I would like to acknowledge our excitement and eagerness to get the season underway. The first trial game for the boys will be an internal trial held on Saturday 27 January 2018 and teams will comprise players from the two existing squads.

Year 5 and Year 6 AFL Internal Trials

- Date: Saturday 27 January 2018
- Venue: Yeronga South Football Club, Cansdale Street, Yeronga
- Time: 7.30am-9.00am/9.30am
- Uniform: Boys are to wear their PE uniforms to the game and are to bring a jersey or an old shirt to wear during the trial.

Note: Boys must wear mouthguards and have a water bottle. Boots are optional for the trial but are highly recommended.

Currently we have 27 players in the Year 5 squad and 32 players in the Year 6 squad. As per AIC AFL by-laws, each school is only permitted to have 30 listed players. As a result, the internal trial held on 27 January will be the last opportunity for boys to demonstrate their skills, as after this trial player numbers will be reduced. The final team lists will be published on the College website and on notice boards throughout the Junior School by Monday of Week 2, ready for the first training session on Tuesday, 30 January 2018.

If your son does not make an AFL team in 2018, he is more than welcome to play cricket, as we are keen to ensure all students have the opportunity to represent Villanova in Term 1 sport.

AIC AFL Training Schedule - Year 5 and Year 6 Teams

Venue: Coorparoo AFL Club

• Days: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

• Time: 3:30pm until 4:30pm

The College will provide bus transportation for all players to each training session at the Coorparoo AFL Club. The bus will depart the College from Sixth Avenue at 3.10pm. Please note parents are required to collect their son/s from the venue after training at 4.30pm sharp. *A return bus service will not be available.*

2018 Weekly Training and Game Schedule - Dates and Venues

WEEK	TRAINING	TRAINING	GAME
WEEK 1	Tuesday, 30 January	Thursday, 1 February	ROUND 1
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 3 February
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC
WEEK 2	Tuesday, 6 February	Thursday, 8 February	ROUND 2
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 10 February
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC
WEEK 3	Tuesday, 13 February	Thursday, 15 February	ROUND 3
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 17 February
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC
WEEK 4	Tuesday, 20 February	Thursday, 22 February	ROUND 4
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 24 February
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC
WEEK 5	Tuesday, 27 February	Thursday, 1 March	ROUND 5
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 3 March
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC
WEEK 6	Tuesday, 6 March	Thursday, 8 March	ROUND 6
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 10 March
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC
WEEK 7	Tuesday, 13 March	Thursday, 15 March	ROUND 7
	Coorparoo JAFC	Coorparoo JAFC	Saturday, 17 March
	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	3.30 PM - 4.30 PM	Yeronga AFC

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All games will be played at Yeronga AFL club on a Saturday morning and start times will vary each week. A full copy of the weekly game schedule can be found on the website within the AIC AFL section. All information and weekly reminders will be posted on the Villanova College Locker Room (found on the College's website) each week so parents and students are well aware of the upcoming fixture.

Once a player has been selected, he is required to wear the full and correct Villanova College AFL uniform to all games with no exception. Students may wear any suitable clothing to training.

Villanova College AFL Uniform

- Villanova rugby shorts
- Villanova rugby/football socks
- Villanova AFL jersey (for hire only)
- Football boots and mouthguard compulsory
- Head gear optional

All of the items above are available from the Villanova College Uniform Shop. Please be aware that the AFL jersey is for hire only. These jerseys will be distributed to all players during Week 2 before Round 1 of competition. A hire cost of \$15 will be charge to your son's school fee account. This jersey is on loan to the players for the duration of the season and will be required to be returned at the completion of the final fixtures. If the jersey is lost or damaged, it will need to be replaced at the expense of the family

Parents are most welcome to attend training and game days and it would be appreciated if parents volunteered to assist with small jobs on game day and at training. However, Mr Conlan, two AFLQ coaches and myself will provide the overall coaching to ensure equality amongst the squads.

I am thoroughly looking forward to the season getting underway and I wish all boys a great start to a new school year. We look forward to a successful and rewarding season and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either myself on 0432 679 425 or afry@vnc.qld.edu.au or Mr Conlan at mconlan@vnc.qld.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adam Fry

AIC AFL Co-ordinator