

From the Villanova Director of Sport – Welcome

On behalf of the Villanova College Community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Chris Leadbetter, Headmaster – St. Laurence's College, Mr Eddie Wallace, Head of Sport – St. Laurence's College, as well as to the St. Laurence's College staff, parents, and students to Easts Rugby Union Club and Villanova Park for Round 5 of the 2022 AIC Rugby and Football season.

I know that today's match in the 1st XI and next Monday's 1st XV match will be played in fine spirit, yet with a determination and a desire from both Colleges to be successful. I trust that all players and spectators will strive equally as hard to exhibit the highest standards of sportsmanship, both on and off the field, so that the continued association between our two Colleges, will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The rivalry has been present in these fixtures for over 50 years and continues to bring out the best in our players, as the season is well and truly alive for all 4 teams.

Both rugby and football sides are presently still in the hunt for premierships and this round's matches could see SLC get the jump on other Colleges and remain unbeaten, or Villanova might put themselves back in the race with a victory. Good luck to all players involved in this week's competition.

Chris Everding – Acting Director of Sport

From the Villanova 1st XI Football Captain

On Saturday the 28th at 12:15pm at Villa Park, the First XI will take on St Laurence's College for the commencement of round 5 in the 2022 AIC football season. Both sides are shaping up really well this season, which will make up for a great game considering the rivalry between the two schools. Following on from a good win against SPC in 'Magic Round' at SLC last weekend the boys are eager and hungry to maintain a clean slate of wins till the end of the season.

This will be the game of the year, as an undefeated Laurie's will be looking to take out the premiership and we will be determined to put a spanner in the works and get back on track to reach our main goal. I encourage anyone who is down at villa park to get around the football boys at 12:15pm to watch an exciting game, as this will be our second last home game of the season. Good luck to all the boys playing this Saturday, leave nothing on the field! And as always.... Carn the Cats!

Angus Nicholson – 2022 1st XI Captain

From the Villanova 1st XV Rugby Captain

At 5pm on Monday the 30th May at Easts Rugby Union Club (Bottomley Park), the 1stXV will embark upon Round 5 of the 2022 AIC Rugby season. The rivalry between Saint Laurence's College and Villanova has been long fought and should be met with equal promise from all students, Old Boys and families, who will be there supporting our boys next Monday. I promise you this will be a game you do not want to miss. Make your way down to Easts Rugby Union and come support the boys just as we have with the AFL in Term 1. The team is hungry, and will no doubt provide an excellent match of Rugby, as both sides are still in the running for a 1st XV premiership. We need your support for our second last 'home' game of the season. Under the lights at Easts Rugby will make for a great viewing experience. I know Villanova as a community is keen for this match up against Laurie's, so get down and come

support the boys if possible. Good luck to everyone playing this next Saturday, play hard!
And as always... Carn the Cats!!!

George Binney – 2022 1st XV Captain

Villanova College 1st XI Football Team

- 1 Michael Anderson (GK)
- 2 Alex Vasiliou
- 3 Liam McConville
- 4 Angus Nicholson c
- 5 Ben Hermiston
- 6 Cohen Stewart
- 7 Ethan Webber
- 8 Ned Thomas
- 9 Zac Vedelago
- 10 Jasper Chan
- 11 Michael Fotinos
- 12 Cameron Staverns
- 13 Thomas Rieck
- 15 Flynn Reynolds
- 16 Jackson Voss

Coaches – Thomas Carnavas and Terry Kambouris

St. Laurence's College 1st XI Football Team

Coach –

Villanova College 1st XV Rugby Team

Coaches – Eddie Harris, Jon Winsbury and Matt Levander

Manager – Steven Bremner

St. Laurence's College 1st XV Rugby Team

Coaches:

Manager:



Before we begin today's play let us take a moment to stop and reflect on the place where we have gathered and to pray for the gift our meeting.

(pause)

Acknowledgement of Country

Today we meet on lands sacred to Australia's First Nations Peoples.
A land of story, ceremony and play.

We respect and honour the traditional custodians of this land
and their Elders, past, present and emerging.

The AIC Community commits itself to the journey of reconciliation
and justice for all.

(pause)

Prayer Before The Game

Let us pray:

(pause)

Gracious God,
Thank you for this opportunity
of meeting one another
in competition today.

Bless us with Your spirit of good sportsmanship;
give us courage to play to our full potential,
the character to play fairly,
and the humility to demonstrate respect
for other's skills and talents.

This prayer we make today in Jesus' Name. Amen

