

## New Students' Handbook Welcome to 2023



## WELCOME TO VILLANOVA COLLEGE

#### **COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Principal: Mr Paul Begg
Deputy Principal: Mr Steven Bremner
Head of Junior School: Mr Stephen Rouhliadeff

Head of Middle School: Mr Greg O'Neill

Head of Senior School: Mr Matthew Levander
Dean of Teaching and Learning: Mr John Christie
Dean of Mission and Identity: Mrs Kate Garrone
College Administrator/Dean of International Students: Ms Sally Byron

#### **TERM DATES 2023**

Term 1: Tuesday 24 January - Friday 31 March (Students in Years 5, 7 and 12 will

commence school on Tuesday 24 January. Students in Year 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 return

to school on Wednesday 25 January)

Term 2: Monday 17 April – Friday 16 June
Term 3: Monday 10 July – Friday 15 September
Term 4: Tuesday 3 October – Friday 24 November

NB: It is imperative that families adhere to term times. Early departure for, or late return from vacation periods are neither encouraged nor endorsed.

#### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Junior, Middle and Senior: commence at 8:25am and conclude at 3:00pm (it is recommended that boys arrive 5 – 10 minutes before the commencement time).

#### **Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

| Junior School Office             | 3394 5692 | junior@vnc.qld.edu.au       |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Middle School Office             | 3394 5524 | middle@vnc.qld.edu.au       |
| Senior School Office             | 3394 5525 | senior@vnc.qld.edu.au       |
| Teaching and Learning Office     | 3394 5521 | tandl@vnc.qld.edu.au        |
| Music Office                     | 3394 5691 | music@vnc.qld.edu.au        |
| Sports Office                    | 3394 5621 | sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au |
| College Reception/Finance Office | 3394 5690 | finance@vnc.qld.edu.au      |
| Tolle Lege Library               | 3394 5531 | library@vnc.qld.edu.au      |

#### STUDENT ABSENCES

The College's preferred notification for student absentees is through Parent Lounge or the College App. An alternative number to report an absentee is 3394 5699.

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY

• In the interests of safety to all, when picking up and/or dropping off your son(s), you are requested to use the loading zones located in Fifth Avenue (Middle School) and the bottom of Eighth Avenue (Junior School) and top of Eighth Avenue (Senior School).



- Both sides of Sixth Avenue and the front of the College are reserved as Bus Zones, with No Standing signs at both ends of the zones. Please note traffic restrictions in place on Fifth and Sixth Avenue between 2 4pm.
- Please do not drive onto the College grounds, driveways or staff parking areas to drop off or pick up
  your son. A safe waiting area for boys who finish after-school training/rehearsals late, is inside the
  security gates at the Sixth Avenue entrance.
- Please do not double park or block driveways this includes the Sixth and Eighth Avenue entrances.
- Please do not use Seventh Avenue for drop-offs or pick-ups.

#### **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

**Shirt:** Years 5 to 11 - Short sleeved grey cotton with regulation green/gold trim on pocket

Year 12 - long-sleeved white cotton

**Shorts:** Dark grey shorts

**Belt:** Black leather with plain silver buckle

**Tie:** Years 5 to 11 - the College tie must be worn in Terms 2 and 3 and for official College functions

and other special occasions.

Year 12 - Students wear the special Senior tie for the whole school year

Socks: Villanova grey with green/gold trim (knee high when worn with shorts)

**Shoes:** Plain black lace-up leather

**Jumper:** Villanova green jumper with College crest in gold

Blazer: Senior School only

**Trousers:** Years 5 to 9 – students have the option of wearing long College grey trousers instead of shorts.

Only grey or black socks are permitted with long trousers.

Senior School - Long College grey trousers are worn in Terms 2 and 3.

**Hat - Green:** Years 5 to 9 - students are required to wear a wide-brimmed College green hat.

**Hat - Formal Grey**: Senior School - Students are required to wear the College formal grey hat.

School Bags: Villanova green bag. A range of Villanova school bags are available from the College

Uniform Shop.

Physical Education: House sport shirt, Villanova green sports shorts and Villanova sports socks. Shoes

should be predominantly white and must have non-marking soles.

#### **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is located in Clare Lodge (Seventh Avenue entrance) and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.30am – 9.30am and Thursday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm during term time. Online orders are available 24/7 through the website.

Phone: 0432 707 972

Email: villanovacollege@alinta.com.au Web: www.alintaapparel.com.au

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8.00 - 9.30am.

#### **UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**









### Villanova College Uniform Shop

### **Uniform Fitting Information**



Welcome to Villanova College. We look forward to meeting you at your uniform fitting.

New students are required to book a fitting appointment. We encourage you to schedule your appointment as soon as possible to avoid extended queues. Appointments will be available to book online from September. Appointments will commence from Monday 28th November.

We are ready and excited to get you fitted for this new chapter - don't leave your uniforms until the last minute!



#### Register

Visit www.alintaapparel.com.au Select 'Uniform Shop' then 'Register'.



#### **Book your Fitting Appointment**

Sign in to your account, select 'Appointment' and choose from the available appointment times. To cancel or reschedule your appointment, go to 'My Account' then 'Appointments Calendar'.



#### Shop Online

Once you know your sizing, shop at your convenience with our 24/7 online shopping. Order for Click and Collect from the Uniform Shop or home delivery to your nominated postal address.



#### **Trading Hours**

Sign in to your account and select 'Home' to view our regular and extended trading hours.



#### Flexible Payments

We accept cash and credit card. Layby is available with a 20% deposit.



#### **Our Policies**

Sign in to your account and select 'Home' to view our flexible return, exchange and warranty policies.



#### **Custom Sizing**

We offer custom sizing for any students who may require it. If you think this may be you, please contact the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to arrange an earlier appointment custom items have a lead time of 3 months.



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#### HAIR AND GROOMING

Boys are expected to have their hair clean, brushed/combed and of a length that is neat and tidy at all times. Teased or untidy hair, and outlandish styles are not acceptable. Faces must be clean shaven. Side burns must not extend past the ear lobe.

For Villanova students, the following examples are unacceptable:

- Hairstyles that draw undue attention to the student
- Lines and patches cut into hair
- Cuts which make the scalp visible (minimum blade two)
- Styles that fall below the eyebrows or below the collar, or hair which needs to be brushed behind the ears to prevent it from falling below the eyebrows
- Hairstyles with sudden gradations/changes in length (including 'undercuts')
- Hair which is coloured or bleached

#### THE HOUSE SYSTEM

Students will be allocated to one of the four school houses. These Houses: Crane (Red), Goold (Yellow), Heavey (Green) and Murray (Blue) have been named in honour of four Australian Augustinian bishops. Pastoral groups (Middle and Senior School) are organised on a house basis and interhouse competitions are held in swimming and athletics.

#### **HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

Parents are an important link in keeping the lines of communication open and will be kept informed of all aspects of College life. The school diary is used as a memo to inform parents of what they need to know including their son's progress. Parents are requested to sign the diary in the appropriate place at the end of each week.

The College newsletter, *Villa View*, and Sports Bulletins are published on the College website (<a href="www.vnc.qld.edu.au">www.vnc.qld.edu.au</a>) on alternate Thursdays during term time. The link to these is emailed directly to parents and can also be read via the College App.

#### **Parent Lounge**

Parent Lounge is the College's main communication tools and allows parents to change personal details, update medical information, pay school fees and excursion, access correspondence and view student reports. Information regarding Parent Lounge, including personal login details, can be found in your Orientation Pack for new families.

#### **Flexischools**

Parents are able to set up an account using Flexischools which allow students to use their student ID cards as debit cards to pay for purchases at the Tuckshop and Tolle Lege Library for printing. Full details on how to set up a Flexischools account will be given once your son is provided with this student ID card early in 2023 and can be found on the College website.

#### **App**

Villanova College has its own customised App to communicate directly to both parents and students. It is an essential communication tool. The app is free and accessible for Android and Apple devices via the Google Play Store and the Apple App store. To install the College app search for Villanova College. The app is a handy option to report absentees, receive important notifications (for example training cancellations), log into Parent Lounge and access College weblinks like the Weekly Sports Draw.



#### Social Media - Facebook and Instagram

The Villanova College official Facebook and Instagram pages along with the separate sub-school Instagram accounts keep current students, parents, Old Boys and prospective parents up to date with College news and events. The 'closed' year level Facebook groups are often a great information source in those first few months (even if most posts tend to be about lost uniform items). Please note that membership of our Facebook groups comes with responsibilities and guidelines (please refer to Social Network and Media Guidelines for Parents on the College website). Visit our New Families Information webpage to link to your son's year level Facebook group. An Admin will approve you after verifying you are a parent/caregiver.

#### **REQUIRED MATERIALS LIST**

Stationery lists will be provided before Term 4 2022. Pre-packaged stationery requirements for each year level may be purchased through the College supplier or alternative stationery requirements can be purchased outside the school.

Junior School parents will need to buy any text books required. The College receives bulk payment through the State Government Textbook and Resource Allowance Scheme for Middle and Senior School students and charges a hire fee to parents.

#### **School Diary**

The Villanova Diary is issued to each student during the first week of school. Homework should be recorded daily in the diary. School policy, rules and regulations and items of school information are included. This diary is NOT to be defaced in ANY manner, e.g. pictures/graffiti, otherwise parents will have to purchase a replacement diary.

#### **ID Cards**

Photos for ID cards are taken as early as possible in Term 1 for all students. Replacement cost of ID cards is \$5.00. Replacement cards are available through the Tolle Lege Library.

#### **AIC SPORT**

Please refer to the Sports pages for information regarding sports on offer at Villanova, guidelines for selection and the 2023 AIC calendar. Information regarding AFL and cricket trials (on Orientation Day, 2 September) and sign-on for the AIC Term 1 sports of AFL, swimming and cricket have been emailed to new families.

#### **NEW FAMILIES COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION**

All information (links and forms) regarding your son's commencement at Villanova College in 2023 can be found on a dedicated webpage – your one-stop shop for our new families.

Please visit: https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/our-community/newfamilies/



# **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**2023



### BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

In 2023, all students are expected to bring a Windows 10 laptop with touch screen and digital stylus to Villanova College each school day. This document will explain how BYOD laptops will be used in the context of teaching and learning and the type of Windows 10 laptop parents should purchase.

#### **About Minimum Recommended Specifications**

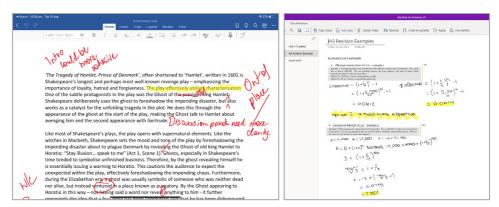
To ensure your son has equitable and effective access to learning experiences involving technology, the College has devised Minimum Recommended Specifications for BYOD laptops.

Minimum Recommended Specifications refer to the lowest technical attributes for a laptop to be suitable for sustained regular use at the College. Our Minimum Recommended Specifications are based on several factors, including:

- Planned use of technology in core and elective subjects;
- Battery consumption and longevity of laptop life;
- Effective integration of technology in teaching and learning;
- Industry advice; and
- Our 7 years of BYOD experience.

Since 2015, Villanova College has implemented a BYOD laptop program across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. Over this time, the College has gained considerable experience and insights regarding the suitability and application of different types of laptops across the three sub-schools. We share these insights with you to assist your purchasing decisions.

Firstly, it is mandatory that parents purchase a Windows 10 laptop with a touch screen and digital stylus (or "active pen"). There is extensive research which demonstrates the benefits of digital inking to support learning; this physical act of writing on a screen engages more of our consciousness than simply typing and/or reading. Evidence-based studies indicate that digital inking enables more authentic, timely feedback between teachers and students, increases levels of student engagement, facilitates more personalisation of learning environments, increases knowledge retention and ideation/graphing and lowers technology 'friction' in the classroom (International Data Corporation, 2015; Oviatt, 2015). Further, touch screens enable students to engage directly with their screen, and helps teachers work directly with student laptops without having to share mouses, trackpads and/or keyboards. Once again, this leads to less friction with use of technology in the classroom.



Secondly, Microsoft Office is used extensively at the College. From Year 5 to Year 12, all students communicate, collaborate and engage in a range of learning activities using Office 365 software. Whilst this certainly has not replaced pen and paper, there has been a significant evolution towards elearning due to increased efficiency, online learning (e.g., lockdowns and remote learning), the need for secure online meeting spaces and enhanced integration with educational software (e.g. Kahoot, Flipgrid, Minecraft Education Edition,

Education Perfect, Stile, Box of Books, ClickView). At the heart of this evolution is Microsoft Teams and Microsoft OneNote. Both are used extensively and daily. **Windows laptops provide a native Microsoft Office experience engineered to work effectively and efficiently.** Therefore, if your son's laptop meets (or exceeds) our Minimum Recommended Specifications he will have a BYOD laptop that is engineered to meet the expectations of routine, consistent and daily use of the Microsoft Office platform across the curriculum.

Finally, accidents DO happen. If your son's laptop is dropped or damaged, repairs can be very costly. The College strongly recommends your BYOD laptop purchase includes both an extended 3-year onsite warranty AND Accidental Damage Protection (ADP). ADP does not cover loss or theft, so it is recommended you explore this option within your home and contents insurance policy. ADP can be chosen when a BYOD laptop is purchased through specific retailers at the time of purchase with a range of Excess options. There have also been instances where students have damaged other students' equipment. In these situations, it has been the responsibility of the third party to cover the repair costs. Once again, the importance of warranty and accidental damage insurance cannot be underestimated.

In summary, our BYOD program gives parents a range of choices to consider, provided the Minimum Recommended Specifications are met.

#### Additional reading

International Data Corporation. (June 2015) Digital Ink in the Classroom: Authentic, Efficient Student Engagement. Retrieved from <a href="https://info.microsoft.com/rs/157-GQE-382/images/IDC\_Digital\_Ink\_in\_the\_Classroom.pdf">https://info.microsoft.com/rs/157-GQE-382/images/IDC\_Digital\_Ink\_in\_the\_Classroom.pdf</a>

Oviatt, S. (2015). Pen? Keyboard? Voice? Touch? Retrieved from <a href="https://download.microsoft.com/documents/apac/en-au/For-Schools\_MS-Oviatt-Paper\_V2.pdf">https://download.microsoft.com/documents/apac/en-au/For-Schools\_MS-Oviatt-Paper\_V2.pdf</a>

Official OneNote resources: www.onenote.com/ink; http://onenoteineducation.com/en-US/students/

#### 2023 Minimum Recommended Specifications

Please refer to the following Minimum Recommended Specifications when purchasing a BYOD laptop for the 2023 school year.

| Specification     | Minimum  | Optimal                               |  |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Operating         | Windows 10 64-bit  | Windows 10 64-bit                     |  |
| system            |  |                                       |  |
| Memory            | 8 GB   | 16 GB                                 |  |
| Storage           | 256 GB SSD (Solid State Drive)   | 256-512 GB SSD (Solid State Drive)    |  |
| Touch screen      | Mandatory  | Mandatory                             |  |
| Digital           | Mandatory  | Mandatory                             |  |
| stylus/active pen |  |                                       |  |
| Wi-fi             | 802.11ac / 802.11ax  | 802.11ac / 802.11ax                   |  |
| Screen size       | 12"  | 13" (avoid larger screens to minimise |  |
|                   |  | battery consumption)                  |  |
| Advertised        | 6 hours (or higher)  | 8 hours (or higher)                   |  |
| battery life      |  |                                       |  |
| Tablet/wrap-      | Highly recommended. Tablet/wrap-around mode means the laptop has a 360°        |                                       |  |
| around mode       | hinge allowing the student to write on the surface like a tablet.              |                                       |  |
| Insurance         | 3 years Extended Onsite Warranty   |                                       |  |
|                   | Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) / Accidental Damage Handling (ADH)          |                                       |  |
|                   | Theft Insurance  |                                       |  |
| Software          | Villanova College will provide ALL software packages. This includes Office 365 |                                       |  |
|                   | (Excel, OneNote, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher, Teams etc), Adobe Creative    |                                       |  |
|                   | Cloud (Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Premiere Rush etc) and other      |                                       |  |
|                   | software required for core and electi  | ve subject areas.                     |  |



#### **JB Education Parent Purchasing Portal**

Villanova College is seeking to assist parents in device selection with an optional Parent Purchasing Portal. The portal aims to make purchasing simpler by offering a range of devices that meet the College Minimum Recommended Specifications. Parents may use this portal to select a device, accessories, onsite warranty extensions and ADP (Accidental Damage Protection) plans and payment options.

Visit the JB Education Parent Purchasing Portal at:

https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/

School code: VILLA2023

This code will become active in Term 4.

Please note that BYOD laptops purchased through the portal are not supported or serviced in JB outlets and stores. Refer to <a href="https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/student-life/our-technology/byod/support/">https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/student-life/our-technology/byod/support/</a> for additional information.

#### Installation of Software for commencement of the school year

All students' BYOD laptops are required to have some basic software packages installed prior to the commencement of Term 1.

For these installations to occur, your son will require his College email address and password. Continuing students already have this information. New students will receive an email containing these credentials very early in January 2023. It is imperative the College has the correct email addresses for parents of new students to avoid delays with the receipt of this important message.

Instructions to install the basic software packages will be provided in early January. However, the College strongly recommends that your son and a parent/guardian attend the hosted BYOD Set-up Workshops during mid-January 2023. These 1-hour hosted sessions give you and your son the opportunity to set up your laptop with direct support and guidance from our IT team and elearning support teachers. Attendance will ensure your son's new laptop is fully operational and ready for school use. Please check your email correspondence during early January for more information – it is recommended you book early your preferred session early to secure the most suitable time.

#### **Useful links**

#### Villanova College BYOD page

The BYOD page on the College website is the central point for all information regarding use and management of BYOD laptops.

https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/student-life/our-technology/byod/

#### Villanova College BYOD Facebook page

The Villanova College BYOD Facebook page regularly posts scam alerts, cyber safety tips, app reviews and support information to help parents manage laptops and digital devices in the home.

https://www.facebook.com/villanovabyod/

#### The Office of the eSafety Commissioner web site

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. This website provides extensive information and free games to teach students and parents how to be safe online.

https://www.esafety.gov.au/

#### Internet Safe Education

Brett Lee is a popular speaker on internet trends, scams and cyber safety. His website is regularly updated and provides extensive guides for parents and students.

https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/



#### Microsoft Family set-up guide

Windows 10 laptops give families the ability to set, monitor and control content/app access and screen time. This requires a free Microsoft account (for both the parent and child).

https://www.groovypost.com/howto/manage-kids-screen-time-track-online-activity-windows-10/

Family Zone (parent control, monitoring and reporting software): www.familyzone.com.au

Circle (parent control, monitoring and reporting software): https://meetcircle.com/

#### Tips from your son's classroom teachers

- Establish a routine. Ensure your son charges his laptop every night, especially Sunday evening.
- Please think of creative solutions for remembering passwords or passphrases! Your son will have several
  passwords to remember such as (a) laptop access, i.e. getting past the Windows welcome screen; (b)
  Administrator account access (should he need to install apps); and (c) Villanova College email account
  password. To protect privacy, Junior School teachers may ask you to email passwords to them for safe
  keeping in the early stages of the school year.
- Limit the amount of games on the laptop. Whilst the laptop is a personal item, its primary purpose is a "digital workbook" and device to support learning.
- Don't panic if things go wrong. There's always a solution we can work around!
- Label everything (including styluses) but be careful not to engrave (may void warranty conditions).

#### Do you have questions?

Please contact the IT/BYOD Support Team via email: byod@vnc.qld.edu.au

Villanova College has a staffed IT Helpdesk in the IT Office under the Cascia building. Students/parents can bring BYOD laptops for assistance with passwords, account access, installation issues, diagnosis of hardware faults and other advice and support.

IT Helpdesk hours (during term time): before school: 7.45-8.25am; during both recess breaks; after school: 3.00-3.30pm.

The IT Helpdesk (during the holidays): please contact the College to arrange a mutual time.

If you have any general queries regarding the use of technology in teaching and learning at the College, please contact Jason Lane (eLearning Pedagogy Leader) at <a href="mailto:elearning@vnc.qld.edu.au">elearning@vnc.qld.edu.au</a>







## **SPORTS INFORMATION**

For new Year 5, 6 and 7 students in 2023







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**Dear Parents and Guardians** 

#### **SPORTS TRIAL INFORMATION – NEW STUDENTS 2023**

Villanova College is very much looking forward to welcoming you and your son into our college community. We understand the transitioning of a student from one school to the next places a level of anxiety on all families as a new school environment brings about much change. Our aim is to conduct sports trials in Term 3/4 this year so that your son may have the opportunity to meet new friends and become more comfortable with his new school before he commences next year.

Villanova College is a member of the AIC (Associated Independent Colleges) Sports Association which is a sports competition involving students from Year 5 - 12. Villanova College offers many opportunities for all its students to play a wide variety of sports throughout the year and to represent the College. This letter will summarize the sporting arrangements on offer in **Term 1 only** for all new Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7 students entering Villanova College in 2023.

As the sports offered in Term 1 begin the very first week of the 2023 school year, we believe it is best to conduct all trials this year. Our goal is to have all teams and squads selected before the end of 2022. This will allow the College's sports program to run smoothly at the commencement of the 2023 school year. Though more importantly, our experience suggests that conducting and completing sports trials in the previous year will lessen the burden and worry placed on students and their families as they enter their very first week at Villanova College in 2023.

Students entering Villanova College in 2023 have the option of participating in the following sports in Term 1 as outlined in the table below:

| Student's Year Level in 2023 | Sports Available in Term 1   | Level of Commitment<br>Required in Term 1   |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Year 5 and Year 6            | Cricket or AFL and Swimming (no Volleyball) Students choose between cricket or AFL, not both as they are both played on Saturday mornings. All students can participate in swimming. | Cricket, AFL and Volleyball One to two training sessions held weekly in Term 1 before or after school. Matches to be played during Saturday morning each week in Term 1.        |
| Year 7                       | Cricket or AFL or Volleyball and Swimming Students choose between cricket or volleyball or AFL only as they are all played on Saturday. All students can participate in swimming.    | Swimming Up to three training sessions offered before school. Swim meets will be held every Friday afternoon after school until approx. 6.00pm. Bus transportation is provided. |





Students who wish to participate in these sports are asked to complete the 'On-line Sign On' form. The On-line Sign-On form link is found further below. All students are then required to participate in the trials organised for these sports during Term 3 or 4, 2022. All trial information including dates and venues can be found within this document.

We have a devised a simple check list for you below. Please complete all online information by Monday 29 August (for Year 5/6 2023 students) or by Friday 7 October (for Year 7 2023 students). Some may wish to complete earlier if your son wishes to join our swim program commencing Week 1, Term 4, 2022.

#### **Check List**

- Complete the 'Term 1 2023 On-line Sport Sign On' form to indicate which sport/s your son wishes to participate in during Term 1, 2023 (sport sign-on forms for other sports offered in Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be distributed next year).
- Complete the '2023 Coach, Manager and Officials On-line Nomination Form' if you wish to
  assist the College with one of these positions next year. Given the many sporting teams the
  College generates for each sport, we are unable cover all teams with a Villanova College staff
  member. The College does rely on parents, Old Boys and outside bodies to assist the sports
  program and take on the roles of coach, manager and official where needed. The assistance
  from the parent body is needed to cover all roles. You are welcome to nominate yourself if you
  would like to be involved.
- Complete the 'Villanova College On-line Swimming Registration/Permission and Payment Form' for those who wish to participate in the Villanova College Swim program. Participation in this program is not a guarantee that a student will make the Villanova swim team. A student may choose to stay with his club or join our swimming program next year. We do encourage boys to join though, as regular training strengthens our squad and helps build a positive team culture.
- All cricket, AFL and volleyball trials will be held in Term 3 or 4, 2022. Students are to arrive at the venue 15 minutes prior to the advertised start time.

What to wear and bring to trials – Students are to wear suitable sports clothing including a hat, sports shorts, shirt and shoes. We ask boys not to bring any equipment. All equipment will be supplied for the trials.

It is not necessary for a player to have any prior experience playing cricket, AFL or volleyball. We encourage as many new players as possible to try out. Please note that although we encourage boys to play club sport, the College policy clearly states that all students should give priority to school sport commitments over club commitments.

If your son/s are interested in participating in the sports offered, we ask you to complete all the necessary forms by the due dates listed. Please feel free to contact the Villanova College Sports Office on 3394 5621 if you have any concerns or questions. We are more than happy to help. I wish all the boys every success in their trials and during their time at Villanova College. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Craig Stariha Director of Sport

### AIC SPORT ON-LINE SIGN-ON

Students wishing to represent Villanova College in AIC sport in 2023 must complete the online sport sign-on form to register their interest. The sports on offer are listed below.

Please be aware of some of Villanova College's policies and expectations as listed below:

- Villanova College commitments come before club sport or any outside organisations.
- Villanova College expects full commitment from all players to all training sessions and games within reason. Clashes with other Villanova co-curricular commitments can be negotiated via the Sports Office.
- If a student possesses a special gift or talent, we hope that he uses this talent for the benefit of our community (as paraphrased by St Thomas of Villanova).
- All players are to conduct themselves in the appropriate manner in accordance with our Augustinian values.
- Be supportive of fellow teammates and other teams.
- Always wear the full and correct uniform with pride.
- Enjoy the sport and give your best when representing Villanova College.

#### AIC Sports on Offer – Term 1, 2023

AIC Cricket - Open to all Year 5 - 12 students. All cricket is played on Saturday

AIC Volleyball - Open to all Year 7 - 12 students. All volleyball is played on Saturday

AIC AFL – Open to all Year 5 -12 students. All Year 5 - 10 teams will play on Saturday. The Year 11 - 12 (Open) team will play on Friday afternoon

AIC Swimming - Open to all, this does not conflict with the other sports

**Note** – All Cricket, Volleyball and Year 5 - 10 AFL is played on Saturday. Therefore, students may trial for only **one** of these sports.

Year 11 - 12 AFL is played on Friday afternoon. Only Year 11 - 12 AFL players can trial for AFL and Cricket or Volleyball as they are played on different days.

Any boy may register for Swimming on top of the other sports played in Term 1.

#### **AIC Sport Online Sign-on Link**

Please click on the link below to register your son to trial for a sport. Registrations are due by Friday 7 October. Year 5/6 2023 to complete registrations by Monday 29 August.





https://villanova.jotform.com/tkropp/aic-term-1-2023-sport-sign-on

## AIC CRICKET AND AFL TRIALS - NEW YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS 2023

Students entering Year 5 and Year 6 in 2023 will have their cricket or AFL trials conducted on the 'Orientation Day' for new students which will be held on Friday 2 September 2022 during the latter part of the day. These trials are open to all new Year 5 and Year 6 students who are enrolled at Villanova College in 2023. Please note that in the AIC Competition the boys compete in their year level not their age groups.

All students must attend these trials to be considered for team selection in 2023. All students who wish to trial for cricket or AFL are required to wear normal day clothes suitable for playing sport for the trials. As the cricket and AFL equipment is supplied by the College it will not be necessary to bring your own equipment to the trials

The College can only submit a maximum of three teams into the Year 5 and Year 6 divisions of the AIC AFL competition. Therefore, some boys will miss out. Those boys who miss out will be offered a place in a cricket team, as there are no limits to the number of cricket teams we can enter.

Commitment required: All teams will have 1 - 2 training sessions either before or after school each week throughout Term 1. All cricket and AFL games will be played on Saturday mornings during Term 1 as per the College Calendar (please find a version of this calendar located towards the end of this document). Training times for all teams will be advised next year.

All interested students will be escorted down to Langlands Park during the latter part of the day. After trials the boys will be escorted back to the college campus ready for parents to collect them at 2.45pm.

Please note that students may participate in cricket or AFL and the swimming program in 2022/23.

#### FURTHER AFL and CRICKET TRIAL DATE 2022 – Year 5 and Year 6 Teams

After the initial AFL and cricket trials held on Orientation Day, the 2023 Year 5 students will not be required for any further cricket or AFL trials until 2023.

The College plans to organise some clinics on Monday 16 January. Details to these clinics will be sent to all families towards the end of this year.

There will be a set of trial games organised for the 2023 Year 5 group on the very first weekend back to school in 2023 on **Saturday 28 January**. All details of these trials will be given to you next year, simply keep this date free for now.

After these trials and clinics, we hope to finalise all teams. Round 1 of the AIC Cricket and AFL season will commence the weekend afterwards on Saturday 4 February as per College Calendar. Therefore, we need the boys present at the trials on Saturday 28 January to get ourselves organised for Round 1.

All cricket and AFL players are required to purchase the College's cricket or AFL uniform from the Villanova College Uniform Shop in readiness for these trials next year.





#### **Cricket Uniform**

All players from Year 5 - 12 are to wear whites.

- White cricket pants
- Villanova cricket shirt
- Sports shoes
- Villanova green sports cap or broad brimmed hat

Under no circumstances are players permitted to wear club shirts or club hats.

#### **AFL Uniform**

- Villanova AFL jersey (for hire only from the Uniform Shop)
- Villanova rugby shorts
- Villanova football/rugby/AFL socks
- Football boots and mouthguards are compulsory

Note - 2023 Year 6 AFL players will have further trials and training in Term 4 2022. Further information will be passed onto to these players after their trials. A trial game will also be played against Iona on Saturday 12 November.

2023 Year 6 Cricket players will not have any further trials until next year.





## AIC CRICKET, AFL AND VOLLEYBALL TRIALS - YEAR 7-12 ONLY

Villanova College will conduct AIC Cricket and Volleyball trials for all teams from Year 7 - 12 on the dates listed below. These trials are open to all students who are enrolled at Villanova College in 2023. Please note that all students compete in their year level and not in their age groups.

All students, including those students who will join Villanova in 2023, must attend these trials to be considered for team selection in 2023. Students entering Year 7 in 2023 may only participate in cricket, AFL or volleyball. Students are required to wear any appropriate sporting attire to these trials. Sporting equipment will be supplied by the College. Students wishing to trial simply attend the venue 15mins before the advertised start time.

**Commitment:** All teams will have one or two training sessions either before or after school each week during Term 1. All cricket and volleyball as well as all Year 5, Year 6, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9/10 AFL games will be played on Saturday during Term 1 as per the College Calendar. Training times for all teams will be advised once finalised.

Year 7 - 12 (2023) Cricket/AFL and Volleyball Trial Schedule

#### Trials conducted Term 4 - 2022

|                    | Monday 10<br>October  | Tuesday 11<br>October   | Wednesday 12<br>October  | Thursday 13<br>October             | Friday 14<br>October |
|--------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 6:30am -<br>8.00am | Cricket Year 11 & 12 (Opens) at Little Langlands Volleyball Year 11 in Goold Hall | Cricket Year 8 at Little Langlands Volleyball Year 8 in Goold Hall  AFL Year 8 trials at Coorparoo JAFC | Cricket Year 10 at Little Langlands Volleyball Year 10 in Goold Hall  AFL Year 10 trials at Coorparoo JAFC | AFL Opens trials at Coorparoo JAFC |                      |
| 3.30pm -<br>5.00pm | <u>Volleyball</u><br>Opens in Goold<br>Hall                                       | Cricket Year 7 at Little Langlands Volleyball Year 7 in Goold Hall AFL Year 7 at Coorparoo JAFC         | Cricket Year 9 at Little Langlands Volleyball Year 9 in Goold Hall AFL Year 9 at Coorparoo JAFC            |                                    |                      |





PLEASE NOTE: Trials are for those boys who are entering that year level in 2023, e.g. Year 7 trials are for those boys who are entering Year 7 in 2023.

- Little Langlands Langlands Park, Main Avenue, Coorparoo (next to Easts Leagues Club)
- Goold Hall located on the Villanova College Campus, access via Eighth Avenue, Coorparoo
- Coorparoo JAFC Giffin Park, Birubi Street, Coorparoo

Further trials will be held on the following weekend dates after the initial trials are held above. Students will be advised of their team and subsequent playing time and venue after their trial session scheduled above. Please keep these weekends free.

#### FURTHER AFL, CRICKET and VOLLEYBALL TRIAL DATES - Year 7 - 12 Teams

After the cricket, AFL and volleyball trials held during Week 2, Term 4 (that is, 10 - 14 October), the College has organised further trial games to take place on the weekend of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October. It is important that all interested students attend these trials as we hope to finalise teams and squads after this weekend. All times and venues will be given to all players during the trials played earlier in the week. Some of these are listed below.

Those who do not make an AFL or volleyball team have the option of joining a cricket team. NOTE – The trials pertain to the year level the student enters in 2023. Therefore, the Year 7 trials are for students entering Year 7 in 2023.

All students wishing to trial for an AIC cricket, AIC AFL or AIC volleyball team must complete an 'Online Sign -on Form' by Friday 7 October. Link below.

https://villanova.jotform.com/tkropp/aic-term-1-2023-sport-sign-on

#### **Further Cricket Trials – Year 7-12 Teams**

#### All teams from Year 7 - 12, Sunday 16 October 2022 at Villanova Park - Specific times and fields TBA

Please note the trial games for cricket will be played on Sunday 16 October at Villanova Park. These trials are for selected teams/students only. NOT ALL BOYS WILL BE REQUIRED. After the trials held earlier in the week, we will advise those who are required to attend further trials on Sunday 16 October. More information about team lists will be given at a later stage.

Please contact the Sports Office if you have any queries or concerns – <a href="mailto:sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au">sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au</a> Phone: 3394 5621

Date: Sunday 16 October 2022

Venue 1: Villanova Park, Manly Road, Tingalpa Venue 2: Kianawah Park, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa

Uniform: Villa cricket whites or any suitable sports clothing

#### Further Volleyball Trials – Year 7-12 Teams

#### All teams from Years 7-12, Saturday 15 November 2022 at Villanova College, Goold Hall

Please note that all students who have signed up for Volleyball trials will be expected to attend further trials held on Saturday 15 October in Goold Hall at Villanova College. After the Volleyball trials held on Saturday 15 October all coaches will then select their volleyball teams/squads. If a boy fails to make a volleyball team/squad, they are welcome to join a cricket team. More information about team lists will be given at a later stage.





Please contact the Sports Office if you have any quires or concerns - <a href="mailto:sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au">sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au</a> Phone: 3394 5621

Date: Saturday 15 October 2022

Venue: Court 1 - Goold Hall, Nearest Main Entrance

Court 2 - Goold Hall, Near Stage

Uniform: Sports PE uniform or any suitable sports clothing

## \* All players need to be at their respective venues 15 minutes prior to the commencement of their game.

| Time             | Court 1 | Court 2 |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| 7.30am - 9.00am  | Year 8  | Year 8  |
| 9.00am - 10.30am | Year 7  | Year 7  |
| 10.30am - noon   | Year 9  | Year 10 |
| Noon - 1.30pm    | Year 11 | Year 11 |
| 1.30pm - 3.00pm  | Opens   | Opens   |

#### Other Trial Matches Organised (Only for those boys who are selected after Saturday 15 October)

- Saturday 12 November, Trial match v Iona College Times and venues TBA
- Saturday 19 November, Trial match v St Laurence's College Times and venues TBA

#### Further AFL Trials – Year 7 - 12 Teams

#### All teams from Year 7 - 12, Saturday 15 October 2022

Please note that all students who have signed up for AFL trials will be expected to attend further trials held on Saturday 15 October at Coorparoo JAFC, Birubi St, Coorparoo (Giffin Park). After the AFL trials held on Saturday 15 October all coaches will then select their AFL teams/squads. If a boy fails to make an AFL team/squad, they are welcome to join a cricket team. More information about team lists will be given at a later stage.

Please contact the Sports Office if you have any queries or concerns – <a href="mailto:sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au">sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au</a>
Phone: 3394 5621

Date: Saturday 15 October

Venue: Coorparoo JAFC, Birubi St Coorparoo, Giffin Park

Uniform: Any suitable sports clothing to play AFL including boots and mouthguards. Bibs will be

supplied

\* All players need to be at their respective venues 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their game.

| Time | Coorparoo JAFC |         |
|------|----------------|---------|
|      | Field 1        | Field 2 |





| 6.30am - 8.00am  | Opens (Year 11/12) | Year 9/10 |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 8.00am - 9.30am  | Year 7             | Year 8    |
| 9.30am - 11.00am | Year 9             | Year 6    |

#### Other Trial Matches Organised (Only for those boys who are selected after Saturday 15 October)

- Friday 11 November, Open trial match v Iona College Times and venues TBA
- Saturday 12 November, Year 6, 7, 8, 9/10 trial match v Iona Times and venues TBA
- Friday 18 November, Open trial match v St Laurence's College Times and venues TBA
- Saturday 19 November, Year 8 and Year 9/10 trial match v St Laurence's College Times and venues TBA

#### **FURTHER AFL, VOLLEYBALL and CRICKET TRIALS - 2023**

**DATE CLAIMER** - Further Cricket, Volleyball and AFL will be played v Padua College on Saturday 28 January, times and venues TBA.

Please keep this date free.





### SWIMMING TRAINING - 2022/2023

Villanova College is a member of the AIC (Associated Independent Colleges) which is a school-based competition involving students from Years 5 - 12.

The annual AIC Swimming Championship will be held in Week 7 of Term 1, 2023. For Villanova College to be competitive and to do well, we urge all current students and those who will be commencing their education at the College in 2023 to commence swimming training NOW.

Training will commence for all current students on Tuesday 6 September 2022 and will continue every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning throughout the entire season. For those students who are commencing at Villanova in Years 5 and 7 in 2023, training will commence in Week 1, Term 4 2022 (on Tuesday 4 October) as per the schedule below. These sessions will run up to and include Friday 16 December 2022. The program will recommence on Tuesday 3 January 2023 and will run until the end of Week 1, Term 1, 2023 at which time selection trials will be held.

More information regarding these time trials will be given next year.

While the College appreciates that some students may choose to continue their pre-season training elsewhere, we would encourage all swimmers to consider joining the College's program. All students who are interested in joining Villanova's swim team will be required to attend trials in Week 1, 2023. Participation or non-participation in our pre-season schedule will not guarantee a place in our final squad. However, we do believe it will strengthen your chance to do well at the trials and aid in building a strong College swimming culture.

All training sessions will be held at Langlands Park Memorial Pool, located at 5 Panitya Street, Stones Corner, under the direction of Mr Felipe Barraza Rojas - Villanova Swim Coach (Year 9 - 12) and Ms Kerry Holland - Villanova Swim Coach (Year 5 - 8).

Training is open to all students who hope to become a member of Villanova's 2023 Swim Team or for students wishing to increase their physical fitness. Please note that these sessions are for students who are capable swimmers only, they are not 'learn to swim' sessions. Parents who are looking for 'learn to swim' sessions may wish to enrol their son/s in an alternate program run at Langlands Pool.

#### **Villanova Swimming Training Schedule**

(Commencing Tuesday 6 September for current Villanova students and on Tuesday 4 October for students commencing at the College in 2023)

| Day       | Students in Year 5 - 12 in 2023 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Monday    |                                 |
| Tuesday   | 7.00am - 8.00am                 |
| Wednesday |                                 |
| Thursday  | 7.00am - 8.00am                 |
| Friday    | 6.15am - 7.45am                 |





Fees: A flat fee of \$200 will be charged per student for all training sessions up until the start of the 2023 school year. This includes all sessions over the summer holiday period. Students are then entitled to attend as many training sessions as possible throughout this period. Altogether, those who join the program could have access up to 50 training sessions throughout this period at a cost of only \$200 (this is \$4 per session by highly skilled and qualified swim coaches). The more sessions you attend the more value for money you receive. This represents outstanding value.

Kerry Holland has asked all members of the Jets Swim Club to participate in at least one of the Villanova squad sessions each week. These additional sessions will help build team spirit and provide further skills training for Met East squads, and relay practice.

For those wishing to enroll in the swim program, please click the link below to register your details online. Information regarding payment can also be found within this link. Please understand that the personal details and emergency contact information provided within the registration form will be shared with the staff from Langlands Pool. Langlands Pool does not have access to the College's data base and needs your contact information in the event of an emergency. If your details change you must notify the Sports Office (details below) as the updated information the College receives is not shared with Langlands Pool. If you do not wish for your emergency details to be shared with the staff from Langlands Pool, we will be unable to allow you to participate in the program.

Villanova Swimming Registration Link - <a href="https://villanova.jotform.com/tkropp/aic-swimming-registration---202223">https://villanova.jotform.com/tkropp/aic-swimming-registration---202223-</a>

Flipper/Pool Buoy and Bag: All students are required to purchase their own flippers and pool buoy for training. Langlands Pool will supply your son with a training pack at a cost of \$100. Please find attached the order form, which must be lodged with Langlands Park Pool directly (not Villanova College) to receive your training gear at a discounted price.

For those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete all information required in the registration link above. It is common for most boys to commence the program in Term 4 although there is an option to start earlier for the current students. Late comers into the swim program will be accepted; however, they will be required to pay the full fee.

If you have any further queries please contact the Villanova College Swim Co-Ordinator, Mrs Juanita Jacobs via email <u>jiacobs@vnc.qld.edu.au</u>. Alternatively, please contact the Sports Office on 3394 5621 or via email <u>sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au</u>





## FLIPPER PACK ORDER FORM

This form is to be lodged directly with Langlands Park Memorial Pool

Phone - 3397 7436

Email - admin@langlandspool.com

| Student's Name     |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Year level in 2023 |  |
| Parent Name        |  |
| Parent Mobile      |  |

Cost: \$100

Please tick selection

| Flipper Size | 3 - 5 5 - 7          | 7 - 9 9 - 11 11 - 13 13 - 15 |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Pull Buoy    | 3 layer (Year 5 - 8) | 4 layer (Year 9 – 12)        |
| Gear Bag     | Black                | Green                        |
| Kick Board   |                      |                              |





## COACH, MANAGER AND OFFICIALS' NOMINATION FORM - 2023

The Villanova Sports Department is currently seeking coaches, managers and officials for the Year 5-12 AIC sports program in 2023. We require the assistance of staff, parents, Old Boys and friends of the College to take on the many duties needed to ensure that every student has the opportunity to participate and enjoy all the benefits that playing sport provides as well as ensuring the ongoing growth and development of our sports program across all areas.

Villanova's success in sport is dependent upon many factors, one being the generosity of members within our community to give of their time and efforts to serve our students by taking on specific roles. These roles include coach, manager, referee, umpire, scorer etc. If you can help in any way, could you please complete the online nomination form below.

All forms received will be compiled into a database. Before each season commences a member of the Sports Office will contact those who have expressed an interest to assist. A final confirmation of commitment will be asked, and further details will be given.

The College is indebted to those who were able to assist throughout 2022. We now invite those who would like to assist in 2023 to become involved for the benefit of our students and the College. You will no doubt find it rewarding and no experience is necessary.

https://villanova.jotform.com/tkropp/coach-manager-and-official-nominati





## AIC SPORTS CALENDAR - 2023

#### **TERM 1**

#### Open AFL Cricket, Volleyball & AFL (Years 5-10)

| Trial   | Friday January 27  | Saturday January 28  |  |
|---------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| Round 1 | Friday February 3  | Saturday February 4  |  |
| Round 2 | Friday February 10 | Saturday February 11 |  |
| Round 3 | Friday February 17 | Saturday February 18 |  |
| Round 4 | Friday February 24 | Saturday February 25 |  |
| Round 5 | Friday March 3     | Saturday March 4     |  |
| Round 6 | Friday March 10    | Saturday March 11    |  |
| Round 7 | Friday March 17    | Saturday March 18    |  |

AIC Rugby and Football Trials - Saturday March 25

#### SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS|TUESDAY MARCH 7 CHANDLER - TBC

#### **Swim Pre-Season:**

January 27 SLC Meet Yeronga Pool - TBC

February 3 SPLC/IONA - TBC

February 10 SPLC/MARIST - TBC

February 17 Centenary Pool Meet (SPC and SEC host) - TBC

February 23 (Thursday) Chandler Meet - TBC

March 3 TBC

#### TERM 2

|         | Chess           | Rugby and Football                   |
|---------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Trial   | Friday April 21 | Saturday April 22                    |
| Round 1 | Friday April 28 | Saturday April 29                    |
| Round 2 | Friday May 5    | Saturday May 6                       |
| Round 3 | Friday May 12   | Saturday May 13                      |
| Round 4 | Friday May 19   | Saturday May 20                      |
| Round 5 | Friday May 26   | Saturday May 27* (Reconciliation Rd) |
| Round 6 | Friday June 2   | Saturday June 3                      |
| Round 7 | Friday June 9   | Saturday June 10                     |





AIC Basketball, Tennis and Rugby League Trials - Saturday June 17

#### CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS|WEDNESDAY MAY 31 CURLEW PARK - TBC

Cross Country Pre-Season:

Wednesday May 10 (SPC) TBC Wednesday May 17 (SLC) TBC Wednesday May 24 TBC

#### TERM 3

| GOLF    | Monday July 31         | Venue TBC                         |  |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|         | Basketball (Years 5&6) | Tennis, Rugby League & Basketball |  |
| Trial   | Friday July 14         | Saturday July 15                  |  |
| Round 1 | Friday July 21         | Saturday July 22                  |  |
| Round 2 | Friday July 28         | Saturday July 29                  |  |
| Round 3 | Friday August 4        | Saturday August 5                 |  |
| Round 4 | Friday August 18       | Saturday August 19                |  |
| Round 5 | Friday August 25       | Saturday August 26                |  |
| Round 6 | Thursday August 31*    | Saturday September 2              |  |
| Round 7 | Friday September 8     | Saturday September 9              |  |

#### TERM 4

Invitational Touch Saturday October 21
Invitational Water Polo Sunday October 22

#### TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS|THURSDAY/FRIDAY OCTOBER 5/6 QSAC - TBC

Cricket, Volleyball and AFL Trials - TBC

Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) Members

Iona College (IONA)Padua College (PAD)St Edmund's College (SEC)Marist College Ashgrove (ASH)St Laurence's College (SLC)St Patrick's College (SPC)

St Peters Lutheran College (SPLC) Villanova College (VILLA)





## SELECTION GUIDELINES & CODE OF CONDUCT

- When signing on for a sport at Villanova College, it will be the understanding of the College that players and parents do so knowing, agreeing and accepting the terms and conditions listed below.
- Villanova College endeavours to provide opportunities for as many students as possible to participate and enjoy the experience of playing sport. All parents, players and coaching staff have the responsibility to ensure that they contribute towards this experience being a positive one for all involved.
- All A&B teams from Year 7 11 and most Year 12 teams contest the AIC aggregate for that sport. In doing so, boys are trained specifically to fulfil a certain role which is determined by the coach within that team which may result in a player not playing in every position. For example, not all players in cricket will share equally the bowling, batting and keeping duties from week to week in these teams.
- A&B teams and most Open teams are classified as competitive teams which contest premierships and aggregates. C teams and lower are participatory based teams whereby the main focus would be to allow all participants to 'have a go' and enjoy the experience. C teams and lower may still contest premierships or aim for an undefeated season. A&B teams train twice weekly, C teams and lower train at least once per week or maybe twice depending on the sport, coach and availability of facilities.
- Premierships are not awarded to any Year 5 or 6 teams. Teams will be acknowledged if they remain undefeated throughout the regular season.
- Coaches will select the most appropriate players to suit the overall balance of the team. For example, a
  basketball coach would not select more than two-point guards. In rugby, not everybody can play the fly
  half position.
- The selection of all coaches is determined by the College. Villanova College aims to include as many teams
  as possible into the AIC competition based on the resources available. Due to the large number of teams
  which Villanova generate for each sport, it is impossible to have all teams taken by staff members or
  independent/outside coaches. Parents and Old Boys are required to fulfil coaching roles.
- Coaches are appointed specifically by the Sports Office based on coaching experience, willingness to support the College's program and ethos as well as a proven ability to foster, develop and maintain good relationships with members of the Villanova community. The specific positioning of a coach will be based on the overall strategic needs of the College for that sport.
- All coaches must hold a Blue Card.
- Parents are asked not to undermine or contribute towards any negativity directed at the coach. Matters of
  concern should be made directly by the person concerned (not others acting on their behalf) to a member
  of the Sports Office or to the coach directly if done so in a respectful and discrete manner. In no way is it
  acceptable for a parent (who is not the appointed coach) to intervene with any team selections or get
  involved in coaching sessions unless invited by the coach or the Sports Office. Most coaches are volunteers
  and without them your son would not be participating.
- Matters of team selection will always be an issue. As there is a finite number in each team, it is inevitable that players will miss out and be relegated to lower teams. Selections are based on player performance, attitude and attendance. It is in the best interest of players and parents to be resilient and accepting of decisions made. Matters of concern should be dealt with as listed above. Although initial selections may be made by independent selectors (not in all cases), the appointed coach of that team will have an input into the selection and make up of their team. The College does reserve the right to intervene and adjust selections if required.
- Villanova College strives to build and foster harmony within all teams. Any club or other external sporting
  association matters, including selections and/or rankings, will not have any influence or bearing on Villanova
  team selections. Matters of grievance within clubs and across clubs should never be carried over to school
  sport.



## VILLANOVA COLLEGE MUSIC



## WELCOME TO VILLA MUSIC

From Year 5 to Year 12, students eagerly participate in the successful Music Program of Villanova College.

Whether it be performing in bands and orchestras, singing in the various vocal ensembles or learning to compose and record music in our digital recording studio, boys find music to be an integral part of their daily activities at Villanova College.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

In Year 5, all Villanova boys learn an instrument as part of our immersion program. This begins with a careful process of introduction and learning about the instruments, followed by surveys of the boys and parents and some tests designed to get boys on the instrument that is most suited to their physical attributes. Students will be provided with an instrument by the College for the duration of the year. All Year 5 students at Villanova are required to rehearse in their appropriate band or orchestra one morning a week from Term 2 onward.

Small group instruction occurs during school time, as it is part of the curriculum, so boys do not miss any academic class time when they come to Music. Individual instruction is available for your son whilst he is in Year 5 as part of our Performance Music Program. This runs concurrently with the Junior School Instrumental Music Immersion Program and is recommended for those students who currently play an instrument.

In Year 6, our students have the opportunity to participate in our vibrant Music Performance Program. Students enrolled in our Year 6 program have access to private or group tuition and will participate in our wonderful ensemble program. These lessons do incur an extra charge and are scheduled on a 30-minute rotational timetable during class time, as per Instrumental Music Programs in most schools across Queensland. Continuing this strand will allow your son to progress through the Queensland Instrumental Music Curriculum, affording him the opportunity to accrue credit points toward his Queensland Certificate of Education.

All Junior School boys are also invited to be involved in Secret Men's Business, our Junior School Choir. This group often performs with our Senior Ensembles as part of our comprehensive performance program.

#### **MUSIC PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

This comprehensive program provides tuition with many of the state's finest musicians and educators and offers participation in the many ensembles described on the following pages. Many students find enrolling in classroom music electives as part of their academic program strengthens their understanding of music and greatly complements their abilities developed through the performance program.

At Villanova College we have Music Stage Crew and Technical Crew, offering students training and experience in backstage and technical, lighting and sound recording and production. There is a place for every boy in the Music Department to be part of something very successful and rewarding in a supportive environment.

Most of our Senior boys are also actively involved in sport, debating, ministry and other co-curricular activities with little or no conflict. At Villanova College, we pride ourselves on having a great system of



support and conflict management between teaching, coaching, conducting and other staff should clashes of co-curricular activities occur.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT**

The College now has approximately 30 performing ensembles including Symphony Orchestras, String Orchestras, Concert Bands, Vocal Ensembles, Guitar Ensembles, Percussion Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles, Contemporary and Rock Bands, Irish Ensembles and a variety of smaller chamber String, Woodwind and Brass Ensembles.

#### MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Our students are also involved in all aspects of stage performance in the biennial musical theatre production by Villanova College and Loreto College. We have a great working relationship with the students and staff of Loreto, and we organise many combined music events. Our senior musicians go on a music camp every year with the Loreto students; another opportunity where bonds are built that last through the school year and beyond.

#### **MUSIC TOURS**

All of our musicians at Villanova College have the opportunity to participate in our fantastic tour rotation. When we were able to travel, tour destinations included Cairns, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Tasmania and the USA. We look forward to recommencing our tour rotation with a trip to the Australian International Music Festival in Sydney next July.

The tours are a great experience that the boys work hard for and look forward to, and they create memories they'll never forget.

#### WORKSHOPS AND WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that our students learn best when given opportunities to work with world-class performers and clinicians. Over our recent history, our students have had the wonderful opportunity to work with artists including James Morrison, Slava Grigoryan, Aldo Rodriguez Delgado, Professor Donald Peterson and the Brigham Young Wind Symphony, and Professor Annette-Barbara Vogel. On each occasion, these fantastic musicians came to Villanova and performed with our students in our professionally appointed Hanrahan Theatre. These occasions provide an in-house exemplar for our students; an opportunity to experience fine performance at close quarters and interaction with fine musicians on a personal level.

#### MUSIC PARENTS

We are very proud of our amazing Music Support Group (MSG) comprising wonderful parents from Year 5 – 12 who take an active interest in their son's music by helping at concerts, assisting with fundraising and volunteering to help with the annual Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (QCMF). This is a great way for parents to be involved, meet others and support the boys.



QCMF is an enormous event we host each year in August. It is an amazing community effort as we welcome over 100 schools, bringing with them 530 bands, choirs and orchestras totalling over 15,000 student performances in one long weekend. We must warn you though, it's very addictive.



# SELF-DIRECTED READING

**Information for Parents - 2023** 

In your son's Library Reading Lesson, he will be introduced to the theory behind why he should engage in the self-directed reading program and what the expectations are each week.

Each lesson, he will learn a specific strategy or skill that will cover orientation to the library and the use of the online library resources [Infiniti (our Library Management System), Sora (our Overdrive ebook and audiobook collection) and the iCentre (our library website)



icentre.vnc.qld.edu.au].

Each week, he will utilise his Reading Journal to monitor his reading progress. He will use strategies to select a book and then engage in quiet, individual, self-directed reading.

Below is important information about the Self-Directed Reading Program at Villanova College. Also, there are some suggestions on how you can support your son to engage with and benefit from the program.

#### 1. Why is it important that your son engages in self-directed reading?

At Villanova, reading is recognised as an important part of learning. Research reveals extensive benefits for students when they regularly engage in self-directed reading. These benefits include:

- academic achievement
- social, emotional and health benefits.

Even **more** importantly, reading is entertaining, engaging and it makes us happy.

#### 2. How does Villanova College support your son in his self-directed reading?

Villanova College has made considerable investments in further developing the reading culture at the school and supporting your son to become a life-long reader.

- Villanova has two full-time Teacher Librarians who have Masters qualifications in Teacher Librarianship and who are dedicated to supporting your son in reading and research.
- The Library has a Library Manager and two full-time Library Assistants who are an integral part of providing quality service for your sons. They too are dedicated to working closely with your son on all matters reading and research.



Figure 1: The learning and reading spaces - Tolle Lege Library



- Years 5-7 have one lesson per week in the Library, dedicated to the self-directed reading program.
- The Tolle Lege Library has recently undergone extensive renovations to make the space more usable for reading and research classes.
- The library has an extensive collection of fiction books as well as on-line audiobooks.

#### 3. How can you encourage your son to read more often and enjoy it?

For your son to gain the most from the reading program, your support is crucial.

- At home, encourage your son to commit to reading daily. At night, before sleep, we suggest no screens for at least 30 minutes and instead, read for at least 10 minutes.
- Take the opportunity to discuss your son's reading choice and engage in conversations with him about the story. This is a great topic for the dinner table.
- Ask to see his Reading Journal. Your son is expected to record information about the books he chooses to read. He needs to bring his journal to every reading lesson.
- Engage in conversations about the books he has chosen. Ask him why he chose the book. What it is about the book that he likes? Encourage him to read the book to the end. If he does not want to continue reading it, ask him why. Remind him to try something different next time and to use the strategies that he has been taught in class to choose his next book.

#### How can you help your son to enjoy reading more?

It is important that you encourage your son to read, even if he says that he does not like it.

- Reluctant readers can love reading too. They just need the right book to start them on the "Reading Spiral". We can help him find a book that interests him. Contact his Library Teacher and share your observations. Together, we can help turn your son into a reader.
- If your son wants to read a book that we do not have in the library, he can request it and we will purchase the book for the collection. After all, if he wants to read it, it is very likely other boys will too.
- If your son has a reading difficulty (such as dyslexia) seek professional help but still, encourage him to read. We can help find the right book for your son and we have books specifically for those who have reading difficulties as well as a wide range of audiobooks.
- At night, your son could listen to an audio book. The timer can be set to turn off after 30 minutes. What a great way to fall asleep.
- On road trips, you could Bluetooth an audiobook to the car and the whole family can listen; a great way to stop the bickering in the back seat.
- Let him see you reading too. If you take the time to read and show him that you enjoy reading, he is more



our audio books

likely to do the same. Family reading time is a great way for you all to engage in silent reading. You could even read the same book as your son, and discuss the story as you both progress through the book.

- Your son is welcome to borrow books for you too. We often have boys tell us that they finished a book and now their dad is reading it! We also have boys borrowing books to read to their younger brothers and sisters; we have a wide picture book collection.
- Continue to encourage him to read every night. Even if he argues, insist that he must read before bed. Do not let him use a screen at bed time. He has the option- read or stare at a wall. Your son will eventually get bored with the wall.
- Limit screen time during the week. Set the rules and insist he follow them. After all, between cocurricular, homework, assignments and reading, there is no time for screen.
- Ensure that as he grows older, the books he is reading are also written for an older audience.

  Many adolescent boys get stuck reading the "little boy" books they loved when they were younger and that they feel comfortable with, but quickly get bored with them. Your son needs to be challenged (see Figure 3). The longer books are generally

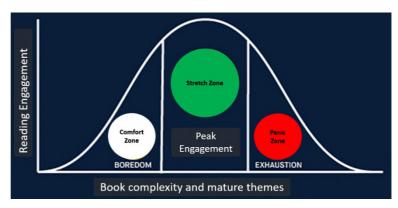


Figure 3: Encourage your son to read books that are in his "Stretch Zone"

- more interesting and have more mature themes. Just think about the kinds of movies he likes.
- Encourage your son to read widely by exploring different genres (Figure 4) and non-fiction books for interest.

It is important to support your son in self-directed reading during the upper primary and middle years of schooling. You, along with his teachers, are crucial in enabling him to develop and continue a love of reading and become a life-long reader.



Figure 4: The Tolle Lege library has a wide variety of different genre that are easy to find

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture.

Just get people to stop reading them.

-Ray Bradbury







## FAMILY PARTICIPATION

#### **Parents and Friends Association**

The P & F offers parents an avenue to participate in the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social development of all students within the College. The P & F typically meets in Tolle Lege (Library at the front of the College) on the second Monday of each month. All are welcome.

P & F Events require volunteers for:

- **Executive Committee Positions**
- Class/Year Level Representatives
- Villanova Community Carnival (event time roles)
- Fathers Night (event time roles)
- Mothers Night (event time roles).

Class/Year Level Representatives assist the College to become a unified and cohesive school with strong community involvement and support. The purpose of Class/Year Level Representatives is to assist and work in partnership with College Staff to enhance the community spirit for all parents.

The Class/Year Level Representatives achieve this through:

- Sharing key college information through Year Group Facebook Groups (established by the College for each Year Group, please see Social Media Policy)
- Regular attendance at P & F meetings
- Involvement in College Events
- To provide support to College Staff
- And lastly represent the College's four values of Interiority, Humility, Restless Search for Truth and Community.

#### **Music Support Group**

The Music Support Group works with the College and in particular the Director of Music, to help raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for the music program and assist with College concerts throughout the year. Affiliated with the Music Support Group is the QCMF Committee, which helps to organise the immensely successful Queensland Catholic Schools' and Colleges' Music Festival.

Music Support Group require volunteers for:

- Executive Committee Positions
- Camp Supervisors (first weekend of school year)
- Helpers for music concerts ticket sellers at door, canteen assistants (event time roles).

Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival require volunteers for:

- Executive Committee Position
- QCMF (held week of EKKA public holiday in August event time roles)





## FAMILY PARTICIPATION

#### Villanova Sports Club

Villanova Sports Club works with the College and in particular the Director of Sport, to help raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for the sports program and assist with College sporting fixtures throughout the year. The Sports Club typically meets bi-monthly on a Wednesday evening above Goold Hall, off Eighth Avenue. All are welcome.

- Executive Committee positions
- Coaching (appropriate qualification may be required) or
- Managing teams in the AIC Competition (Years 5 12)
- Volunteering at the Villa Park Canteen on game days. All parents are encouraged to do so while their children warm up. Help with the BBQs early in the day is always welcome.

#### **Tolle Lege Library**

Tolle Lege Library requires volunteers for:

- Processing disposed books, tidying and cleaning shelves
- Repairing of books (covering and labelling), labelling and organising resource boxes
- · Assisting with Book Fairs

For further information or to register to volunteer visit: www.vnc.qld.edu.au/our-college/volunteer



#### **Tuckshop Volunteers**

The Tuckshop provides an affordable and nourishing breakfast, morning tea and lunch service for the boys. Preparation begins from 7am with the day concluding at 1.15pm. We run a self-service system, with a diverse menu consisting of both freshly prepared and pre-packaged items.

It is managed by a paid convenor but could not exist without its dedicated volunteer helpers. We welcome help from mums, dads, grandparents, other caregivers, friends, etc. You would be rostered on one day every four weeks with the majority of volunteers starting around 8.30am, however if you can only give just a day a term or an hour or two anytime, this is still very welcome – we can make use of any spare time you are able to give us.

Our helpers are provided with a cuppa and cake for morning tea, a delicious lunch, lots of laughs and an opportunity to see their sons in their school environment.

If you're a little nervous about volunteering alone, why not join with a friend?

Current volunteers have mentioned the following reasons as to why they enjoy working at the Tuckshop:

- it helps our boys and the school community
- it is a great opportunity to meet other parents and chat to others with similar interests
- the boys enjoy seeing their parents at school (even though they won't always admit it)
- it's a chance to get to meet your son's friends and their teachers
- it's a lot of fun
- it's a great way to seek advice from parents who have "been there, done that"

Please consider volunteering carefully. We do need you!

Thank you.

Ms Dot Blair

Villanova College Tuckshop Convenor

For further information or to register to volunteer visit: www.vnc.qld.edu.au/our-college/volunteer



## NEW FAMILIES WEBPAGE

Don't forget that all information relating to starting at Villanova College in 2023 can be found on our New Families Commencement Information webpage.

Please visit:

https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/our-community/newfamilies/



Photo: First day of Year 7 for our new 2022 students – it won't be long until your son walks through the Villanova gates!



## **P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Open every Wednesday during term time from 8.00-9.30am. Please come and see us for all your second hand uniform needs!

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