



Casino RSM Sporting Scholarship at St. Mary's Primary School



Participation in sport is considered an important part of the educational philosophy at St Mary's Primary School. We cater for boys and girls at all levels in a wide variety of sports and the experiences gained are supportive of the educational aims of the school.

St Mary's Primary has a proud tradition of success at school based, Zone, Diocesan and Polding carnivals and trials. Over many years, St Mary's Primary School has had numerous students represent at the above levels. Although we have had many students over the years compete at high levels of carnivals and trials, there has been a steady decrease in the number of students competing in the Diocesan and Polding carnivals and trials. In addition to this, we have noticed a decline in the number of students competing in representative teams and outside of school sport (e.g. weekend sport). There is no specific link to this decline in representative athletes at our school, but issues such as a family's financial situation are believed to be closely associated.

With this steady decline in mind, St Mary's Primary School would like to offer our students the opportunity to gain school sporting scholarships for 2018. These sporting scholarships would provide a selected number of students with financial assistance to achieve higher representative selection and honours. ***These sporting scholarships are exclusive to St. Mary's Primary School and only available to students attending the school.***

It is our vision that we could provide assistance to already naturally talented athletes to help propel their sporting careers to the next level. St Mary's Primary has so many students with untapped sporting potential who just require that extra assistance (such as professional coaching, financial assistance etc.) to guide their professional sporting path. The ultimate aim of the sporting scholarship is to offer every recipient the best possible opportunity to excel and achieve to their full sporting potential.

To increase the sporting opportunities for the recipients of the St Mary's Primary Sporting Scholarship it is essential that we can provide them with financial assistance to support their sporting endeavours. The sporting scholarship may provide the following assistance to the recipients:

- ***Equipment costs***
- ***Travel costs***
- ***Extra professional coaching***
- ***Other sporting related expenses***

In 2018, there will be 4 individual scholarships. Each sporting scholarship would be worth **\$500**. This money is to be kept in a trust fund at the school to allow the distribution of allocated funds to the recipients. All scholarship money will be solely used for the intended purposes of providing extra specific sporting assistance to the recipients and will not be used elsewhere. The selection panel reserves the right to deny financial requests and payments to the recipients if it is decided that the assistance does not fit into the category of the scholarship guidelines above.

Selection Criteria

The selection of each sporting scholarship will be decided by a panel of teachers from St Mary's Primary School and a representative from the Casino RSM Club. Each scholarship will be awarded on the following criteria:

- Must be attending the school between Years 3 - 6
- Must have represented the school at a nominated sport at a minimum of Zone level, or if played outside of school, must have represented at a comparable level
- Must meet behavioural standards set by the school
- Must be enthusiastic and passionate about their sport
- Must display an above average potential in their chosen sport
- Other extenuating circumstances e.g. challenging family circumstances, financially disadvantaged, rural or remote areas, disability or medical condition please identify your circumstances and state your case (Please note: All information provided in this application is strictly confidential and will not be available to anyone other than the selection panel)

Requirements of Scholarship Recipients

If selected for a 2018 sporting scholarship, the recipients will be required to meet specific expectations. These include, but are not limited to:

- ✚ Liaise with Sports Coordinator to organise a sporting program tailored to suit individual student
- ✚ Participate in individual sport specific training
- ✚ Represent the school at the selected sport (e.g. carnivals, Zone Trials etc.)

Application for 2018 - Sporting Scholarship

Student's Name: _____ Age and DOB: _____

Class: _____

Chosen Representative Sport(s): _____

Name of Representative Team / Club: _____

Parent Name and Signature: _____

SECTION 1 – Personal Profile

1. What is your motivation for seeking a Sporting Scholarship?

2. Briefly outline the representative achievements you have made in your chosen sport:

3. How can you use your given talents to further the sporting culture at St. Mary's Primary School?

4. How can St Mary's Primary assist your development as an athlete?



SECTION 2 – Reference

Please provide a reference from a coach / trainer / representative of the sporting body you are associated with. This **MUST** be submitted as a separate document by the referee via email to sirvine@lism.catholic.edu.au

Student name: _____

Relationship with student: _____

Reference (please be specific about aspects such as ability, attitude, work ethic etc)

Signature of Referee: _____

Date: _____

SECTION 2 – Parent and Student Declaration

In achievement of a Sporting Scholarship at St. Mary's Primary School, I am aware of my child's responsibility to support the school's Christian ethos, the directions of the Staff and the leadership of the Principal. Everything provided in this application is genuine and authentic. I understand that that the scholarship selection process is competitive and not all applicants will meet the eligibility criteria and I will accept the decision of the panel and no further deliberations will be entered into for an unsuccessful application. Successful applicants must have spent their money by December 1, 2018.

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If successful, I agree to represent the school with pride and to work with the staff and the principal to help me improve myself as an athlete. I will continue to be enthusiastic towards my sport and will continue to maintain high behavioural standards.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*** N.B. A reference must be provided and submitted as a separate document via email by a coach, trainer etc. This document is also found on the school website.**

The completed forms and supported documentation is to be lodged by Friday, 16th March. Please return via email to Sam Irvine (Sports Coordinator)- sirvine@lism.catholic.edu.au

It would be preferred if all documentation could be submitted electronically. Please contact me if this is an issue and we will arrange an alternative.

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