Secondary Co-Curricular Handbook
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The Secondary Co-Curricular Handbook aims to assist all students, parents and caregivers to find information about their son's participation in the Blackfriars Priory School Co-Curricular Program.

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General Information

Blackfriars Priory School offers a broad range of co-curricular activities that allow students to participate in a number of sporting teams, intellectual activities or creative pursuits. Students can nominate for a Summer co-curricular activity (Term 1 and 4) and/or a Winter co-curricular activity (Term 2 and 3).

The aim of the Blackfriars Co-Curricular Program is to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Offer activities that encourage an active lifestyle as well as the option to participate in competitive sport at interschool and state level
- Further develop the whole person by promoting leadership and social skills and enhancing a sense of personal responsibility in team and individual pursuits
- Provide the opportunity for students to participate in activities that an individual may never have previously experienced.
- Build team skills, develop new friendships, gain enjoyment from participation and improve overall health and wellbeing.

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Student Expectations

Representing Blackfriars Priory School in the co-curricular program carries with it the responsibility to demonstrate the values that characterise our strong sense of community. Students are expected to:

- Participate to the best of his ability in a minimum of one co-curricular activity
- Honour their commitment for the duration of the Summer (Term 1 and 4) and Winter (Term 2 and 3) co-curricular activity.
- That any student who plays for any sporting club, must also represent Blackfriars in that same sport when the school sport program is taking place.
- **School sporting commitments take precedence over any club representation.**
- Participating in an alternative co-curricular sport or activity does not take the place of club sport. For example, a student cannot play football for a club and not the school and then choose to play badminton for the school as their chosen school sport. If they choose to play badminton, then this will be on top of their existing school and club sport commitments.
- Students who play at State or National Level within a sport must play the same sport for Blackfriars. Training and playing commitments may be negotiated with team coach and Co-Curricular Coordinator.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being positive, supportive and treating all team mates and opponents with respect regardless of ability, gender, cultural background or religion.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- Wear the correct team uniform at all games and training sessions
- Inform team coach or manager if unavailable giving adequate notice and reasons for absence
- Attend weekly team meetings and training sessions
- Organise transport to and from sporting venues
- Learn the rules of your specific sport and abide by them at all times
- Treat all team mates and opponents as you would like to be treated. Control your behaviour on and off the field. Show respect to and acknowledge opponents and officials (e.g. shaking hands) and cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents
- Distracting or provoking opponents or verbally abusing players and officials is not permitted.
- Accept any referee’s or umpire’s decision with questions and refrain from using inappropriate language
- Non participation in the Blackfriars co-curricular program is not an option.

**Representing school sporting teams takes priority over competing sporting interests and club representation**
Parent / Caregivers and Spectators Expectations

- Encourage students to participate but remember that they participate for their enjoyment, not for the entertainment of spectators
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being positive and encourage efforts from all individuals and teams
- Ensure that your son arrives promptly to all training sessions and games
- Ensure that your son attends all training sessions and games wearing the appropriate school sports uniform
- Ensure prompt collection of your son at the conclusion of training or games
- Ensure that your son follows the behaviour code for the sport
- Be courteous and respectful in your communication with players, parents, team officials, game officials and sport administrators
- Never ridicule or yell at a student for making a mistake or not winning
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form. Whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players. Any game day concerns or issues should be addressed to your son’s supervising teachers or the Co-Curricular Coordinator.
**Game Fixtures and Team Information**

Game fixtures and team information will be distributed weekly to all students and is accessible via the Blackfriars Priory School website. Students will:

- Receive a hard copy and an electronic copy of game fixtures for the term. This will be distributed at the start of each term once fixtures have been finalised.
- Attend weekly Thursday morning meetings to confirm teams, game time and venue.
- Receive a hard copy map for games played at opposition schools.

All co-curricular information and game fixtures will be updated weekly on the Blackfriars Priory School website and emailed to all students.

**Attendance to Training and Games**

It is expected that students attend all training sessions and games. If a student is unable to attend a game or training session for a genuine reason then it is the player’s responsibility to inform the coach as soon as possible, either at school or via email. If unable to contact this person, then Mr Michael Parrella (Secondary Co-Curricular Coordinator) is to be notified.

**A no show without an explanation is not acceptable.** It lets many people down from Blackfriars Priory School, peers, team manager, coaches and the opposition.

Students must ensure that they are prepared for sports played in the elements with a Blackfriars hat, water bottle, sunscreen, suitable attire and correct equipment.

Training schedules will be emailed to students and uploaded on the Blackfriars website.

**Coaching or Umpiring**

Blackfriars is always looking for parents, family or friends to assist in the Co-Curricular Program. If you have expertise or knowledge of a particular co-curricular activity and would like to be involved through coaching or umpiring, please send an email to the Co-Curricular Coordinator.
Extreme Weather Guidelines

Blackfriars Priory School is part of the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS) and abides by its Extreme Weather Guidelines. This document can be accessed via the Blackfriars Priory School website.

If the temperature for the forthcoming Saturday is forecast at 38°C in the Friday’s Advertiser all SAAS sport primary and secondary, with the possible exception of First XI Cricket and Drive Tennis will be cancelled.

Training cancellations will be made on the day if the temperature is forecasted at 36°C or above unless there is an extreme period of weather that prompts an earlier decision.

When training or games are cancelled, students will be notified via email and school announcements. Information about cancellations will also be posted in the Blackfriars Priory School website and Facebook page.

Training Cancellation – 36°C

Game Cancellation – 38°C

Medical and Consent Forms

All students participating in co-curricular sport must fill out a medical form. These will be distributed by the team manager and must be returned as quickly as possible.

For students participating in Volleyball (Term 1 and Term 4) and Table Tennis (Term 2 and 3) a ‘Transport to Co-Curricular Sport Consent Form’ must be filled out. For fixtures away at opposition schools, a mini bus will be organised to transport students to and from the game. The meeting point for the buses will be at the gazebo located at the front of the school.

Students that are eligible to drive and will be driving to their co-curricular sport without a parent must complete a ‘Driving to Co-Curricular Sport Form’. This form must be filled out and returned to the team manager as quickly as possible.

These forms are all available on the Blackfriars Priory School website.
Blackfriars Priory School Home Maps

Blackfriars Priory School plays home fixtures at a variety of locations. We have the parklands facilities close by where Football, Cricket, Soccer and Tennis are played. All maps can be found on the Blackfriars Priory School website.

Leroy, Barton East, Barton West and Blackfriars Tennis Courts

Cane Reserve (Cricket)

Greenacres Tennis Courts

Prospect Oval and Prospect Tennis Courts
Co-Curricular Sport and Activities Information

It is expected students wear the correct attire for their co-curricular sport on game day. All co-curricular team uniforms can be purchased from the Blackfriars Uniform Shop.

Badminton

Badminton is a Summer Sport played during Term 1 and Term 4.

Uniform

Badminton is played in the Blackfriars School PE uniform.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the School Gymnasium.

Games

Saturday Morning – 9:00 or 10:30am

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Blackfriars School Gymnasium
Cricket

Cricket is a Summer Sport played during Term 1 and Term 4.

Uniform

General Cricket is played in a white Blackfriars top, white pants and Blackfriars cap.

First XI Cricket is played in a white Blackfriars top, white pants and a First XI Cricket hat.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the Crickets Nets at the back of the BPS Oval.

First XI Cricket train twice a week after school from 3:30 – 5:30pm.

Games

Saturday Morning – 8:15am

First XI Cricket games start 11:45am.

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Blackfriars use a number of Cricket home venues – St Dominic’s Oval (Turf), Cane Reserve (Turf), Leroy Oval (Hard Wicket), Barton West (Hard Wicket) and Barton East (Hard Wicket).
Tennis

Tennis is a Summer Sport played during Term 1 and Term 4.

Uniform

General Tennis is played in the Blackfriars School PE uniform and a Blackfriars cap.

Drive Tennis is played in a white Blackfriars top and a Drive Tennis cap.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm at Leroy Tennis Courts.

Drive Tennis training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm at Prospect Tennis Courts.

Games

Saturday Morning – 8:00 or 10:00am

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Blackfriars use a number of Tennis home venues – Leroy Tennis Courts, Greenacres Tennis Courts and Prospect Tennis Courts.

Drive Tennis games are played at Memorial Drive Tennis Courts.
Volleyball

Volleyball is a Summer Sport played during Term 1 and Term 4.

Uniform

Volleyball is played in the Blackfriars School PE uniform.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the School Gymnasium.

Games

Friday After School – 4:15 or 5:15pm

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Blackfriars School Gym

Transport

Blackfriars will hire buses to take students to and from away fixtures. The meeting point for the buses will be at the gazebo located at the front of the school.
Water Polo

Water Polo is a Summer Sport played during Term 1 and Term 4.

Uniform

Water Polo is played in Blackfriars Water Polo caps and Blackfriars bathers.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:45 – 5:00pm at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.

Games

Friday After School – 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30 or 6:00pm

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Adelaide Aquatic Centre
Basketball

Basketball is a Winter Sport played during Term 2 and Term 3.

Uniform

Basketball is played in the Blackfriars jersey and shorts.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the School Gymnasium.

Games

Saturday Morning – 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 or 11:30am

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Blackfriars School Gymnasium
Football is a Winter Sport played during Term 2 and Term 3.

Uniform

General Football is played in the Blackfriars School Football Kit – Black and blue striped top, shorts and socks.

First XVIII Football is played in the Blackfriars School Football Kit – First XVIII top, shorts and socks.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm at St Dominic’s Oval.

Games

Saturday Morning – 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:30pm or 2:15pm

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

St Dominic’s Oval, Prospect Oval
Soccer is a Winter Sport played during Term 2 and Term 3.

**Uniform**

General Soccer is played in the Blackfriars School Soccer Kit – Blue top, black shorts and black socks.

First XI Soccer is played in the Blackfriars School Soccer Kit – Black top, shorts and socks.

**Training**

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm on the School Back Oval.

**Games**

Saturday Morning – 8:15 or 9:45am

**Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)**

Blackfriars use a number of Soccer home venues – Blackfriars Back Oval Soccer Pitch, Leroy Soccer Pitch, Barton East and Barton West Soccer Pitches.
Squash

Squash is a Winter Sport played during Term 2 and Term 3.

Uniform

Squash is played in the Blackfriars School PE uniform.

Training

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm at Walkerville YMCA.

Games

Friday After School – 4:00pm

Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)

Walkerville YMCA
Table Tennis is a Winter Sport played during Term 2 and Term 3.

**Uniform**

Table Tennis is played in the Blackfriars School PE uniform.

**Training**

Training is once a week after school from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the School Gymnasium.

**Games**

Friday After School – 4:00 or 5:00pm

**Home Venues (See BPS Home Maps)**

Blackfriars School Gym

**Transport**

Blackfriars will hire buses to take students to and from away fixtures. The meeting point for the buses will be at the gazebo located at the front of the school.
Other Activities

Art Club

Art Club enables students to express their creative talents through painting, drawing, sculpture and much more. Students are able to create and take home their own individual art work in a positive and supportive environment.

Art Club sessions are held once a week in Term 2 and Term 3 from 3:25 to 5:00pm. It is available to all students from Year 3 to Year 12.

Chess

Chess is a game played between two opponents on opposite sides of a board containing 64 squares of alternating colours. Each player has 16 pieces: 1 king, 1 queen, 2 rooks, 2 bishops, 2 knights, and 8 pawns. The goal of the game is to checkmate the other king. Checkmate happens when the king is in a position to be captured (in check) and cannot escape from capture.

Training sessions are held one day a week at lunchtime.

Games are played on a Friday night during Term 2 and Term 3 at The Chess Centre of South Australia, 10 Ranelagh Street Adelaide (Just off Light Square). Games start at 7.00pm and are usually finished by 8.30pm. It is the students’ responsibility to organise transportation both to and from the venue.
Debating

Have you ever wished that you had the skills to come up with the perfect argument or to think of the best ever come back line? If the answer is yes, then you really should try debating!

Debating is an exciting pursuit for students who wish to build their confidence in public speaking. Debaters are thinkers, philosophers, politicians – passionate about ideas and current events and who enjoy presenting their ideas in a highly competitive format.

In the first instance, Debating is a team competition with every competitor having an important role to play in establishing and then defending a team line. The team structure helps you clarify your own values and then drill holes in the opposition’s arguments.

There are 5 mid-week rounds in a Debating season, with an opportunity to also debate in Intercol competitions and other special events. High achieving debaters may have the opportunity to compete in finals competitions and to represent the State in National Competitions.

Media Group

Media Group is a co-curricular activity offered for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The commitment is one night per week through-out Terms 1, 2 and 3 from 3:30pm until 4:30pm, (the specific day will be established by the group depending on the student’s availability). As a member of Media Group, students work collaboratively to plan, shoot, edit and produce episodes of BPS TV, which is broadcast to the school at the end of each Term. Students who have an interest in film, TV, media and video production will be best suited to this co-curricular option. There is no prior knowledge or equipment requirement.
**Music**

Music students are invited to participate in an array of co-curricular ensembles to extend not only their technical and performance abilities, but also their social and interpersonal development. Students who learn an instrument are able to participate in one of the 2 Blackfriars Concert Bands Blackfriars according to their age and/or musical ability and participate in the annual ABODA festival. The Blackfriars Stage Band is an elite, invitation only ensemble which plays many performances at school functions and around Adelaide. The Stage Band, travels to Mt Gambier each year to compete in the National Festival, Generations in Jazz. Blackfriars upholds its reputation for achieving outstanding results and performing amongst the highest calibre of musicians in Australia.

Blackfriars also boasts an impressive vocal program with a 3/4/5 choir, 6/7 choir and Senior Vocal group, offering boys the opportunity to develop their vocal technique and performance skills. The Blackfriars vocal program is a strong participant in the Catholic Schools Music Festival.

Other co-curricular ensembles include Rock, Saxophone, Flute, Brass, Guitar and Percussion ensembles.

For all co-curricular music enquiries, please email Miss Jessica Reppucci on jreppucci@bps.sa.edu.au.

All music co-curricular options are a full year commitment and include being present to all rehearsals, performances and events.

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Robotics Club

Robotics Club is for those students with an interest in the programming of robots. LEGO Mindstorms EV3 robots are used in all sessions. Students will be skilled in the use of the LEGO Mindstorms technology, which involves building robots from LEGO and then using sophisticated software to program these robots. The scope of the LEGO Mindstorms is incredibly broad and only limited by student imagination. Students will learn how to program the robots to move, speak, and respond to external stimuli through the use of touch, colour and ultrasonic sensors. More information about the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 Robots can be accessed at https://www.lego.com/en-gb/mindstorms

Students who participate in Robotics Club are also encouraged to be involved in the RoboCup Junior Competition. This is a state competition where the students build and program a robot to play robot soccer or conduct a robot rescue against other competing schools. More information can be accessed at http://www.robocupjunior.org.au/

Robotics Club sessions are held once a week in Term 2 and Term 3 from 3:25 to 4:30pm.
UN Youth Association

The UN Youth Association is Australia’s largest youth-led organisation which educates and empowers young Australians for global change and social justice. Students will have an opportunity to participate in Young Diplomats Forums and Conferences where issues such as cyber espionage and hacking, gender equality, race, climate change, indigenous rights are discussed. These forums are highly interactive and culminate in a role play where delegates assume the role of representative countries in a simulated problem solving scenario within a United Nations Security Council setting. Forums and Conferences are held during the day, during school time at a University Campus. There is also a weekend, live-in event.

Students involved in the UN Youth Association will also have the opportunity to participate in “The Evatt” – Australia’s premier diplomacy competition. This is a simulated role play which pits nation against nation as major global problems are unravelled in a highly entertaining format where alliances are formed and conflicts created between nations. This competition is a must for students who enjoy history, global politics and strategies. There are several rounds with the Grand Final being held in the Adelaide Town Hall. The winning teams get an opportunity to represent South Australia in a National Competition.

Similarly, the UN Youth Voice SA is a public speaking competition, where competitors present creative solutions to key international issues.
Contact Details

If there are any questions or more information is needed regarding the Co-Curricular Program, please contact me by phone or email.

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