

11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Representative Sport Pathway Trial Nomination Information**

Throughout 2026, your child will be provided with multiple sporting opportunities within the school environment. These include school sport carnivals such as swimming, athletics, cross country; participation in gala days including netball, soccer, basketball and cricket. These events are opportunities for all students to participate and be involved in, to develop their skills, enjoyment, be part of a team, improve wellbeing and contribute to a positive school culture.

Through the Diocese of Wollongong Sports Council, some students are provided with the opportunity to trial for Wollongong representative teams, which give students the opportunity to access higher levels of sporting pathways, representation and opportunities to progress into state representation.

We write to you today to inform you that the nomination form for these **2026 representative pathway selection trials** are open and available for you to nominate your child through the given link by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** . Some of these trials for 2026 teams commence in Term 4 2025, therefore it is important that nominations are completed now.

## Criteria for representative sport pathway nominations:

Please see the reserve side of this document for more information regarding the trials and specific nomination criteria for each sport. In general the representative sport pathway trials are for students who are;

- Skilled and talented players and will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2026 (recommended)
- Experienced in the given sport and may have some high level representative experience or playing at a high grade
- competing at a high level, regular experience and a background in this high level of competition, with a strong skill based and understanding of the game

## **Nomination Process and Information for parents:**

If you acknowledge that your child meets the criteria for a given sport, you are asked to complete a nomination form using the following link: <u>2026 Nomination Form</u> or SCAN the provided QR code.



Please note this process is **NOMINATION ONLY**, once nominations are received and close on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, all individual sports trial nominations will be:

1. Reviewed and approved by the School Principal and/or delegate

Kind regards,

- 2. Reviewed by the sports convenor and selection committee based on criteria (students must meet the criteria of the given sport to be eligible)
- 3. Required in some cases to host a school based trial to determine most suitable athletes to attend the Wollongong representative trials.
- 4. After this review, school sport coordinators will be notified of successful nominations, and these students will be provided with a trial information letter by the school and be permitted to attend the 2026 trial date.

If you have any questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact the school sport coordinator and or Principal for further information regarding the representative sport pathway trial and opportunities.

Please be aware that parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the event. These events are convened by the selected staff who will be the team leaders for the whole process. They can be from any of the schools in our diocese.

Katie Browne Simon Farrugia
Principal Assistant Principal / Sports Master

Sports Trials Notification of Nomination for 2026

As the parents/carers of \_\_\_\_\_\_ we will be nominating our child for the following sport (s):

We acknowledge it is our responsibility to complete the provided nomination form by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025.** 

We understand that at this point it is a NOMINATION ONLY, and we will be notified by the school sport coordinator if this nomination has been successful.

## OVERVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL TRIAL NOMINATION SPORTS & PROCESS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SPORT	TRIAL DATE & VENUE	CRITERIA		
Cricket (Girls & Boys) Individual students selected to attend MacKillop Trials	29 October 2025 (TBC) Venue: Figtree Cricket Oval	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level to nominate		
Basketball (Girls & Boys Team) 8-10 players selected per team	25 November 2025 (TBC) Venue: Beaton Park - 'The Snakepit'	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level		
Tennis (Girls & Boys Team) 4 players selected per team	25 November 2025, (TBC) Back up date: 26 November Venue: 28 November 2025	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level		
Touch (Girls & Boys Team)  12 players selected per team	10 February 2026 Back up date: 19 February Venue: Thomas Dalton Park,	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level		
AFL (Boys Team) 22 players - Wollongong based team Girls Pathway - PSSA nominate direct - DASH	17 February 2026 Back up date: 24 February Venue: Thomas Dalton Park,	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level		
Hockey (Girls & Boys) Individual students selected to attend MacKillop Trials	23 February 2026 Venue: Unanderra Park	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level		
Netball (Girls Team) 8-10 players selected Boys PSSA nominate direct	26 February 2026 Venue: Illawarra Indoor Stadium, Berkeley	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level - A Grade team		
Football (Girls & Boys)  12 players selected per team	6 May (West) & 15 May (South) 29 May - Regional Team Selection Trial Venue: West - Lynwood Park, South & selections - Ian McLennan Park	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement - students should be experienced and compete at a high level - GSAP club, A division		
Rugby League (Girls & Boys) 12 years team - 18 players selected 12 years team - 18 players selected	<b>31 March 2026</b> Back up date: 5 April Venue: St Gregory's Junior College, Gregory Hills	Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement (No 13 yr olds) - students should be experienced and compete at a high level - A/B Grade team		
Softball Individuals assessed to attend trials	13 May 2026 Mackillop Trials (Milperra)	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - Nominating students should be able to attend trials with their own equipment - students should be experienced and compete at a high level - Softball comp exp.		
Rugby Union (15 a side Boys teams) 20 players selected for one team Girls NSWCPS Rugby 7's - register CSNSW	<b>24 April 2026</b> Back up date: 5 May Venue: St Gregory's Junior College, Gregory Hills	- Skilled and talented players, who will be in Year 5 & 6 in 2025 recommended - representative experience is a preference not a requirement (No 13 yr olds) - students should be experienced and compete at a high level - A Grade team		