

Dear Parents

Sports Choices 2021 Term 2 and 3

Sport and physical development form an integral part in developing the whole child and is essential to all-round education we offer at Bishops.

Our philosophy is that all boys should experience as many sports as possible while at the Prep maintaining the proper balance between sport, academics, culture and family commitments. Involvement should be characterised by fun, the learning of skills and the development of sportsmanship. Learning to win and lose are important and while we want to be as competitive as possible this is not at the cost of the game or sportsmanship.

Our Aims

- ❑ To create a sporting environment where enjoyment, creative learning and opportunity for all is paramount.
- ❑ To encourage all boys to participate in as many sports as possible while at the Prep school. Specialization should be guarded against in any sport in the Prep.
- ❑ To ensure that sportsmanship, teamwork and physical development are important parts of our holistic approach to education.
- ❑ To provide the best possible standard in coaching and management of teams using the staff and selected students from the different sporting codes.
- ❑ To strive for excellence at all levels so that individuals can achieve fully according to their potential.
- ❑ Every Prep boy must participate in at least two afternoon activities per week.
- ❑ One of the sports must be a team sport (rugby or hockey).

The sports on offer at the Prep for Terms 2 and 3 are listed below.

Rugby: u9 – u13	Fencing: u9 – u14 (<i>optional paid extra</i>)
Hockey: u9 – u14	Judo: u9 – u14 (<i>optional paid extra</i>)
Squash: u10 – u14	Art Club: Gr 3 – 7. Ms Johns will send her own form to parents asking them to sign up.
Cross – Country: u9 – u14	Robotics Club: Grade 6 and 7. Mr Erlangsen will send his own form to parents asking them to sign up.
Chess: Gr 3 - 7	Coding Club: Grade 4. Mr Goedhals will send his own form to parents asking them to sign up.

*** Please note:** Soccer will be introduced in term 3 once rugby and hockey fixtures are completed.

As sports follow two term seasons the second term commitment to a sport must be honoured in the third term.

All boys are expected to play for teams that are in accordance with their age groups.

There are exceptions: 1st team Hockey may consist of U14 (only 2 boys per team), u13 and U12 boys. 1st team Squash may consist of U10 to U14 boys.

Please discuss these sport options with your son. Housemasters will be asking for their choices in House Meetings next week.

Please note that Art Club, Coding Club, Robotics Club and Music Ensembles are dealt with separately by the teachers / departments concerned.

Kind regards,

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