

# Melbourne City FC Elite Years 7-9 Boys Selection Trial Information for 2018



## Trial Phase 1: Current Year 6, 7 & 8 male students

Thank you for your interest in the Overnewton College Melbourne City FC **Elite Years 7 – 9 Boys** Selection Trials. Please read this carefully as student actions are required:

The details for these trials are below:

**Selectors:** A team of Melbourne City coaches (including Head Youth Coach Joe Palatsides) will be conducting the trials and making the selection decisions for this program. College staff representatives will be present at all sessions to take attendance, take notes and provide first aid (if required).

**Trial Location:** Keilor Park Synthetic Pitches (Stadium Drive, Keilor Park)

### Dates:

1. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (7.00 - 8.20am) – *return bus provided*
2. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October (7.00 - 8.20am) – *return bus provided*
3. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (7.00 – 8.20am) - *return bus provided*

Students may be invited to partake in an extra session on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** to determine elite / development groupings.

*It is an expectation that parent's drop-off at Keilor Park for the morning sessions. The morning sessions have been designed to ensure all students return to their respective campuses in time for class.*

**Dress:** Students can wear their ***MCFC kit (if a returning member) or their own football kit of choice*** for these trials. It is advisable they wear the same kit for all trials. All students should arrive at 6.50am to ensure they are ready to commence the warm up at 7am sharp (including boots and shin guards). The coaches do not look upon lateness favorably. **Students must bring their College PE uniform to change into at the conclusion of the trials.**

**Nourishment:** It is an expectation that students bring their own water to the trial. A light breakfast will be provided at the conclusion of the early morning trials at each campus.

**Eligibility:** The majority of selections will be made this year, with only students who are new to the College or with exceptional circumstances (significant injury etc) to have the option to trial in February 2018. Medical certificates must be supplied for medical exemption requests.

**Spectators:** Parents are most welcome to attend the trials, however, are asked not to engage with Melbourne City coaches directly during this process and guide all questions to Overnewton College Staff.

**Actions:** Students are to return their expression of interest slip, including their preferred playing position information (ie 9, 5 etc) to the Head of Sport Offices by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**. Heads of Sport will not chase individuals for this information. Melbourne City has requested this information prior to the trial.

There has been significant interest in this program and a limited number of places are available. If students miss out on a place in the Elite Program, it is likely they will play an integral role in the **Development Program** during Year 7, 8 and 9 ACS Soccer in 2018. Students who are selected in ACS Soccer Teams may still be invited to partake in external tournaments and enjoy the Melbourne City connection and training benefits.

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