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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

### **Welcome to Aquinas College!**

Aquinas College has a proud sports participation level of over 70%, well above the Bay of Plenty region of 50%. Sport is a great way to make new friends and build relationships, which is so important especially to those students who are new to school. We hope that each of our students can find a Sport that they can participate in either competitively or non-competitively.

This letter is to inform you about Sport at Aquinas College (AC) and should contain all you need to know before schools starts next year.

The best place to start when looking for sporting information, is to head to the [AC Website](#). When navigating through the website, you can select the tabs along the top of the website (Our School, Information, News and Events etc). Under the 'Our School' tab you will find 'Sports'. Clicking on this will take you through to the Sports section of the website. You can either search for your sport in the search bar, or scroll down and you will find a list of codes and their respective information. There is also information here about Sports Draws and Results, Sports News, Exchanges and Resources.

Each code will take you through to its own page with information about who it is for, when and where it is played, approx. cost and who to contact with further queries. It is on each of these pages that you will find information about registrations.

It is also important that students listen to the daily notices as this is another way they will hear about Sporting Opportunities. Daily Notices should be read each morning in Tutor Class, however if a child misses the notices, they can be viewed at the Student Office. Notices can also be viewed by parents through the [KAMAR Parent Portal](#).

The [Sports Handbook](#) is another resource that is great to refer to. This document contains information for Parents, Coaches, Managers and Students about procedures, codes of conduct, booking facilities, Sports Prizegiving etc.

Sports Uniforms are issued to students at school usually in the week leading up to the first game. This will be communicated with students via the daily notices. After the season is finished, students are expected to return clean uniforms in a named bag to the Sport Office as soon as possible.

Sports fees will be communicated through registration forms, notices and on the code websites. Sports fees will be charged to your childs school account. It is important these are paid promptly. When your child registers for a code and is placed into a team, students are expected to pay the relevant fees. Students who chose to withdraw from teams will still be expected to pay the fees, unless special circumstances arise. In this case parents should approach the TIC or Director of Sport.

Parent support with Sport at AC is essential. Without it, we can not offer the amount of sports that we currently do. If you are able to assist as a Coach, Manager or Official please email the Teacher in Charge of your preferred sport, or the Sports Coordinator.

### **Summer Sports Registrations:**

Please see below for a list of codes offered at Aquinas College in Term 1 and all of the information you will need to know about them.

Information about how to register for specific sports is also stated. Please carefully read all information, if you can not find the answer you are after, please contact the Teacher in Charge. This information can be found on the code webpages (links below). Please be aware that your email may not be responded to until the start of Term 1.

*Unless otherwise stated, all Summer Sports Registrations close on Monday 4 February.*

[Cricket Registrations](#) are now open for all students wishing to play in Term 1. All information regarding subscription fees, uniform details and contact details can be found on the [AC Cricket Club Webpage](#).

Several Equestrian events are offered to students throughout the year. All students are required to have their own horse and equipment for events. If you would like to be informed of upcoming competitions, please fill in [this form](#).

Futsal is offered as a summer alternative to Football at AC. Team Registrations details will be released at the start of Term 1. If your child is interested in playing Futsal in Term 1 and you would like to receive information regarding registrations, please fill in the [expression of interest](#).

[Golf](#) is offered at Aquinas College as competitions throughout the year, usually occurring in Terms 1 through to 3. Students are encouraged to join a local Golf Club to receive coaching and experience in the lead up to competitions. If you would like to be informed of upcoming competitions, please fill in the [expression of interest](#).

[GymSport](#) runs through the year at Aquinas College. Within gymSport at AC we offer: Mens and Womens Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic, Tumbling, Trampoline, Aerobics, Jump Jam, Dance, Hip Hop and Cheerleading. Please [click here](#) if you would like to register for GymSport. Details will be sent to you once your registration has been received.

MultiSport at Aquinas covers Triathlon, Duathlon, MultiSport, Road Racing and Mountain Bike events. If you are interested in finding out details of these events throughout the year, please complete the [registration link](#). Further details about what events are offered at Aquinas College can be found on the [MultiSport webpage](#). If there are any events that students are keen to enter throughout the year, they are encouraged to come and speak with the Spots Coordinator.

Air Pistol Shooting is offered to students Year 9 and above at Aquinas College every Friday afternoon, from 3.15pm - 5.15pm. In Term 3, there is an opportunity to practice twice a week in preparation for the national competition in September. Students do not need to bring any equipment. Some students have their own air pistols, but most have pistols provided by the Tauranga Pistol Club. Spaces are limited, so students who have participated in previous years are given preference. If you are interested in joining the Air Pistol Club, please [register interest here](#).

[Rock Climbing](#) is offered at Aquinas College as competitions throughout the year, usually occurring in Terms 1 through to 3. Students are encouraged to join up to a Rock Climbing Club (such as [Rocktopia](#)) to receive coaching and experience in the lead up to competitions. If you would like to be informed of upcoming competitions, [please register here](#).

Rowing is available for Year 8 – 13 students who are beginners and those who have experience in rowing. For the more experienced students, regattas will be occurring through February and March. Please fill in the [registration form](#) if you are interested in joining the Aquinas College Rowing Club. If you would like further information please see the [AC Rowing Webpage](#) or email Teacher in Charge of Rowing, Mrs Maria Rogerson ([mrogerson@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:mrogerson@aquinas.school.nz)).

Families who are interested in continuing with sailing, or those who wish to join the sport, should make contact with Teacher in Charge, Mr Leon Roberson, via email [lroberson@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:lroberson@aquinas.school.nz). More information can be found on the [AC Sailing Webpage](#). The team will be practicing at the Tauranga Yacht club. If you are interested in joining please contact Mr Roberson. We are constantly looking for new members.

There are a few [Surfing](#) competitions held throughout the year that students can compete in. If you are wanting to be made aware of any upcoming events, please fill in [this online form](#).

[Tennis](#) is offered at Aquinas College as competitions throughout the year. Students are encouraged to join up to a local Tennis Club to receive coaching and experience in the lead up to competitions. If you would like to be informed of upcoming competitions, please fill in this [registration of interest form](#).

Quick Rip is offered to Year 7 and 8 students in Term 1. It is played at Papamoa at the Gordon Spratt Reserve. Teams will be made up of a combination of genders and year groups depending on the amount of people who have registered to play. Teams will be determined at the start of Term 1 for when the season begins on Friday 8 March. If you would like to register to play Quick Rip in Term 1, please click and [complete this link](#).

All those interested in Volleyball please fill in the following registration form for the correct age group [Year 7 & 8](#), [Year 9 & 10](#), [Year 11-13](#). For further information regarding Volleyball at Aquinas College, please head to the [AC Volleyball Website](#).

If you would like to play Water Polo in Term 1, please take the time to fill in the [Water Polo Registration Form](#). This will provide the AC Water Polo Club with information to determine the amount of teams and if trials will be necessary. This information will be communicated to you via email. If you would like further information on Water Polo, please head to the [AC Water Polo Website](#) or the [AC Water Polo Facebook Page](#).

#### **School Event Dates for Term 1:**

*Details regarding these events will be publicized to you through newsletters, emails and the school website in the lead up to each event.*

Athletics Sports: Friday 22 February 2019, Tauranga Domain

BOP Secondary School Athletics Champs: Tuesday 5 March, Tauranga Domain

Swimming Sports Y7/8: Wednesday 13 March, Greerton Aquatic Centre

Swimming Sports Y9-13: Wednesday 20 March, Baywave Aquatic Centre

Summer Tournament Week (Y11-13): Monday 18 – Friday 22 March, assorted venues.

BOP Secondary School Swimming Champs (Y9-13): Friday 5 April, Baywave Aquatic Centre

Zone Swimming Champs (Y7/8): Tuesday 9 April, Greerton Aquatic Centre

**Winter Sports Codes:**

Below is a list of the codes that are offered over the winter months at Aquinas College. Information regarding registrations for these sports will be released mid Term 1. This information will be communicated in the daily notices, on the AC Website and also on the AC Facebook Page.

- **Badminton**
- **Basketball**
- **Football**
- **GymSport (runs throughout the year)**
- **Hockey**
- **Multisport (runs throughout the year)**
- **Netball**
- **Pistol Shooting (runs throughout the year)**
- **Rock Climbing (runs throughout the year)**
- **Rugby**
- **Squash**
- **Table Tennis**

We are looking forward to continued support and success of AC Sport in 2019. Have a safe and happy summer break.

God Bless,

Caitlin Tarr (Sport Coordinator) and Bill Kite (Director of Sport)  
Aquinas College Sport