Earnshaw State College Baseball Academy Parent Handbook 2020

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RATIONALE

Earnshaw State College prides itself on providing learning pathways which allow students to pursue courses of study that support their academic and physical performance goals. Our commitment to this philosophy has led to the implementation of the Baseball Academy to support the growing popularity of Baseball in the Banyo community and the Metropolitan North geographical region.

The Baseball Academy has been designed to provide players with the opportunity to further develop their Baseball skills whilst meeting the national curriculum requirements as set out by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.

AIMS

The Baseball Academy aims to:

- provide students (with identified Baseball talent) with an opportunity to develop their game skills and expose them to facets of Baseball from fitness and nutrition for performance to skill acquisition and learning strategies,
- provide tailored programs which cater for individual skill and maximising of potential,
- use state of the art facilities located at All Stars Baseball Club, Gerler Road, Hendra– for skill and game development and growth,
- participate in a programs which allows succession to higher levels of development and competition.

Program Information

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for participation in the Baseball Academy, applicants must be of an acceptable standard across academic and Baseball achievements, and behaviour. An ideal applicant for this program will possess:

- a high standard of Baseball skills and ability;
- the ability to work productively in a positive team environment;
- the ability to achieve a satisfactory standard in other academic subjects at Earnshaw State College;
- a effort and behaviour record that is of a high standard within a school community;
- the capacity to cover academy costs,
- a passion to pursue Baseball excellence and promote Baseball in all of its facets; and
- a desire to demonstrate cooperation, courtesy, commitment and resilience at all times.

Students who are accepted into the Baseball Academy will be required to compete in all Baseball competitions across the school year. Students must be prepared to embrace the school uniform and behaviour policy requirements.

Program Overview

In 2020, the Baseball Academy will be designed for players at the Elite level, as well as for students at the Developmental level.

The Baseball Academy will consist of timetabled Baseball Excellence lessons for each student. In addition to timetabled lessons, training before and after school when preparing for upcoming competition will be required. For a period of up to six years, students will participate in:

- Baseball skill development
- Fitness and conditioning training for Baseball
- High intensity and position specific coaching
- Sport psychology and sports medicine training if requested
- Specific strength conditioning and agility adapted to Baseball
- Team training and development
- Theoretical Health & Physical Education units
- Participation in various tailored games, competitions and tournament schedules

CURRICULUM

JUNIOR SECONDARY PROGRAM

Junior secondary students may participate in timetabled Baseball Academy classes in lieu of mainstream Health and Physical Education classes. Students will participate in one (1) practical class each week and one (1) theoretical class aligned to the Health and Physical Education requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

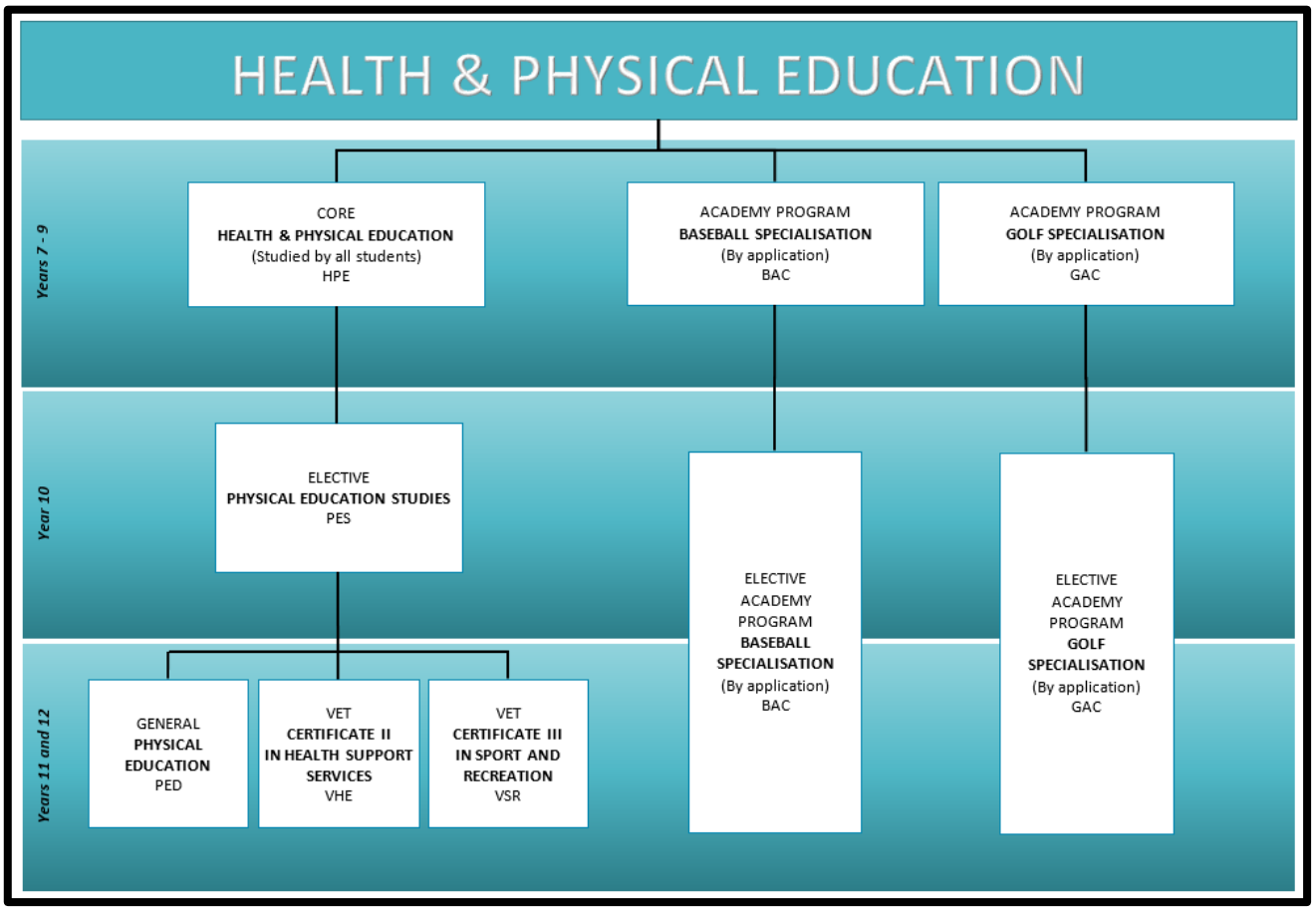
In addition to specific Baseball Academy classes, junior secondary students will be required to enrol in the four core areas, English, Math, Science and Humanities. These core subjects will be delivered in mainstream subjects classes. Junior secondary students participate in a Languages class twice a week and select electives from the Arts or Technology learning area.

SENIOR SECONDARY PROGRAM

The Senior Secondary School Baseball Academy will support students pursue a career in Baseball and to achieve the twenty (20) credit points required to achieve a QCE by the end of their senior schooling journey.

Senior students who wish to follow a VET pathway may participate in up to two (2) lines of Baseball within a 6 line timetable. In addition to enrolling in Maths and English, which contribute four (4) credit points each, students, will be required to enrol in a Certificate III or IV course which will contribute eight (8) credit points towards their QCE. The final four (4) points will be achieved through enrolment in Certificate II in Skills for Vocational Pathways which supports student pathway success.

Senior students who wish to achieve an ATAR must complete a maximum of five (5) General subject or minimum of four (4) General subjects and a Certificate III or higher qualification. Their sixth subject may be used for BAC (Baseball Academy).



PATHWAYS

This exciting opportunity will offer high school children in the local catchment area and throughout Queensland a unique Baseball pathway. This program will allow students an opportunity to choose a career in Baseball and contribute to a plan to reach their full potential in numerous roles including:

- Professional players
- Qualified coaches
- Baseball Centre manager
- Event and tournament mangers and coordinators
- Baseball administrators
- Fitness

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTING BASEBALL EXCELLENCE

Through community partnerships, students in the Baseball Academy will receive external specialised training.

- Experienced players and coaches from the **Queensland Baseball Community** will give students a first class understanding of the requirements for elite level performance.
- It is envisaged that students will also have the opportunity to be involved in National and International tournaments, competitions and development opportunities.
- We are proud to have the support of
    - Queensland Secondary Schools Baseball – Queensland School Sport
    - Baseball Queensland
    - Baseball Australia
    - Local clubs in the Greater Brisbane (Baseball) League.
- As an International School, it is envisaged that we will also be able to establish productive partnerships with international baseball organisations in Asia and the United States.

BASEBALL QUEENSLAND

COST

Course fees for all participants are will be finalised and communicated to applicants in Term 4 2019.

This fee includes contribution to the following costs:

- Timetabled coaching sessions
- Facility hire and maintenance
- Equipment to support facilitation of the program
- Uniform (shirt and cap)
- Registration costs
- Transportation costs

All participants will have the opportunity to personalise their programs based on their needs in consultation with the BAC Coordinator and Head of School.

Throughout the year, students will be required to participate in competitions and tournaments that may attract an additional cost. This is likely to include an interstate and international tour. The calendar of events will be provided to all participants once finalised.

APPLICATION PROCESS

GUIDELINES

Applications for the Baseball Academy should be forwarded to the Head of School, Mrs Kath Wenban. Suitable applicants will then be required to participate in a trial and sit an interview which will determine their eligibility for the program. Late applications will only be considered under special circumstances.

If you are invited to attend an interview, you will need to provide details about your:

- Baseball Career
  - Level played
  - Representative honours
  - A letter of recommendation from your coach describing your suitability for the program

- Academic Career
  - Your most recent academic school report which indicates academic achievement, industry and behaviour

To remain within this program, students are expected to maintain a 'C' standard in achievement, effort and behaviour, as a minimum. Failure to meet this requirement may result in suspension or exclusion from the program.

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2020 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please complete this expression of interest form and email to Principal@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au by 30th September 2019 to be considered for a **second round** offer.

Ensure you attach both this form completed and a copy of your child's academic transcript. You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours to confirm we have received your application.

You MUST submit your child's last TWO report cards with this application.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DATA

STUDENT NAME:				
CURRENT SCHOOL:				
YEAR LEVEL: now			**Year you are enrolling in (2020):**	
CARER/NAMES:	**CARER/PARENT 1**		**CARER/PARENT 2**	
ADDRESS:				
PHONE CONTACT:	HOME		MOBILE	
EMAIL CONTACT:	PARENTS		STUDENT	

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

Please complete the information below:

Subject	Most recent grade	Effort Rating	Behaviour Rating
Maths:			
English:			
Science:			
History/Geography:			

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SECTION 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION about this application

Complete the relevant sections only:

Sporting Program	☐ **BASEBALL**
How long have you participated in this sport?	
Which club are you associated with?	
How many hours a week do you participate in this sport?	
What are your major achievements in this sport?	
Preferred Position:	
Other information:	

SECTION 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT by student

In your own words please explain briefly why you would like to enrol in this program.

As the parent/guardian of _____ I support this application to enrol in _____ .

Signature:_____ **Date:_____**