FAQs

**Will my daughter be in the same class as the boys?**
We select both girls and boys based purely on their soccer skills. Classes are year level based and therefore girls and boys share the classes. However, girls play competitively in single-sex competitions.

**If my child does not pass the trial, can they still play school soccer for Cardijn?**
Yes, subject to enough interest from students who are not in the Academy program to form a team.

**If my child missed the trials / was unsuccessful in the trial and selection process, will they be provided with an opportunity to trial?**
Yes, trials are run at the end of every semester to ensure all students are given another opportunity, subject to places being available.

**How much does it cost?**
Playing Soccer at Cardijn currently costs $60* to play in Terms 2 & 3.

**Does my son / daughter have to purchase a uniform?**
Yes. All students are required to purchase their playing uniforms. Currently the top costs $38.50* brand new. Students to supply their own shorts and socks. Some second hand uniforms may be available.

*Current 2015 prices.

**Does my son / daughter have to represent Cardijn on Saturday mornings?**
It is a requirement that if selected for the Soccer Academy the student represents the College. In the Middle School we are involved in the NDJSA competition held on Saturday mornings. In the Senior School, the students are involved in a Southern Schools competition on Wednesdays straight after school in Terms 1 and 4.

**PHILOSOPHY**

- To promote a sport that offers students an authentic experience to improve their skill, knowledge and understanding of the game.
- To help foster students with their personal development in their chosen sport.
- To provide a range of opportunities that maximises exposure to a variety of formats of the game, against quality opposition.
- To provide greater contact time to quality coaching in order to accelerate player development into elite junior programs.
- To support student involvement in the school’s sporting programs.
- To develop relationships with the local community, sporting clubs and elite programs.
- To support the relevant national/ state representative bodies (eg Netball SA/Netball Australia, SANFL/AFL, FFSA/FFA).

**ELIGIBILITY**

Any student who is enrolled at Cardijn College in Year 8 - 11 is invited to apply for an Academy. Students must complete a written application, trial and sign a student contract stating that they will adhere to the standards set by the relevant Academy. Trials commence annually at the end of Term 3 and enrolled students are invited to apply. Current students are notified through the daily bulletin and invited to trial during one of the relevant Academy lessons.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students involved in an Academy program will need to ensure they are willing to uphold the Catholic ethos of the College and strive for excellence in all aspects of school life. There will be particular emphasis on the academic endeavour and success of each student, which will be discussed and readdressed at various times throughout the course.
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

In order to be accepted into the Soccer Academy, students need to participate in a trialling process which occurs in Term 4 the year preceding entry to Cardijn. Players are assessed and selected based on their technical, tactical, mental and physical ability. The trial and selection process is continued at the end of each semester to gauge student development and to provide new students with the opportunity to join, subject to places being available.

It is a requirement that the students involved in the academies represent the College in after school sport. The Soccer Academy students in the Middle School play on Saturday morning in the NDJSA local competition. This also provides them with the opportunity to be selected for zone teams in the State and Country Championships.

It is expected that in the Senior School Soccer Academy, students are able to demonstrate high levels of technical skill, tactical acumen, mental strength and physical endurance. There is an emphasis placed on learning independently through group dynamic development and displaying resilience as well as leadership.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Cardijn College provides students with the opportunity to be part of a specialist soccer academy. Students are selected for this program through a trial selection process. The program aims to develop personal and team skills through training and games, representing Cardijn College in competition. Skills and understanding of both outdoor and futsal will be established.

This is an invitation only course. Students can gain entry through a nomination process and testing process conducted during Year 7.

SENIOR SCHOOL
Soccer Academy in the Senior School has a greater focus on theoretical concepts of nutrition for the athlete, injury treatment and prevention, peer coaching and FFA officiating courses.

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