



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE CONFRATERNITY CARNIVAL 2012

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS NEEDED

Dear Members of the St. Patrick's Community,

In 2012 St Patrick's College will be hosting the annual Confraternity Shield, a prestigious state wide Rugby League tournament involving 40 teams from Catholic and Independent secondary schools from across Queensland. Confraternity is one of Australia's largest single venue League tournaments and a proven breeding ground of many current and past NRL players. The Carnival will be staged at Curlew Park, with a number of "off-site" events at the College itself.

As a school community we are keen to deliver a first class tournament, giving players, coaching staff and supporters a memorable experience whilst offering St Patrick's a major fundraising opportunity. We are currently recruiting volunteers to begin with preparations. We are also asking parents and friends of the College to pencil in this week in your diaries and calendars, we will need parents' availability from Saturday 23rd June through to Saturday 1st July 2012. We understand that this is notice well in advance, but if you could please keep this on your radar as your diaries start to take shape over the next 12 - 18 months.

We have also developed a range of sponsoring packages to distribute to the business community. With 800 players and many more supporting parents, coaches and team support staff expected to converge on Curlew Park for this week long carnival, significant infrastructure needs to be in place to host this marquee event. This will only be possible with the added financial support of the college community and wider. If you would like further information on the Carnival sponsorship packages available, we invite you to please send an expression of interest to David Gardiner on 3631 9063 or via email at dgardiner@stpatricks.qld.edu.au

Of the many volunteer positions that we will be looking to fill for our team we invite you to consider the following:

Field Managers: Ensuring the correct teams have assembled for games, assisting referees and touch judges, managing field enclosure areas, assisting first-aid staff as required, assisting the executive committee with spectator management issues.

Catering: Assisting with distribution of team lunches, preparation and delivery of canteen and BBQ food, assisting with stock ordering, setup of canteen areas etc.

Ballboys/girls: attending 3 fields for tournament games and finals over 4 days of competition.

Medical: If you have SMA level 2 or equivalent and can offer your time to assist with on field injuries we would love to hear from you. All medical staff will be assisted with a triage team consisted of registered nurses and a doctor. If you have relevant qualifications and can assist us with the triage team personnel we encourage you to contact us for further information.

Facilities: We will also be looking for general helpers in the set-up and pull down of the tournament. As well, we may require the services of a plumber and electrician to be "on-call" for emergencies.

Functions: There will be a number of functions held throughout the tournament that will require off-site assistance with food and beverage service. Our aim is to employ external catering companies where possible but we will still require a number of volunteers with set-up and service for these events.

Sponsors: As mentioned there will be a number of levels of sponsorship packages available for the tournament. Our aim is to attract sponsors and maximize their exposure for the tournament. If you are interested in finding out more details regarding the sponsorship packages that are available please contact David Gardiner on 3631 9063 or via email at dgardiner@stpatricks.qld.edu.au

A number of other roles will be developed and advertised as time goes by and we ask all families to read through the correspondence as it is released and respond where you can.

We also encourage past and current students to participate with this event; we will be looking for your services for everything from tech support, media, facility management and catering.

With your valued assistance we will surely stage a brilliant event that we can all be proud of, one that will set the bench mark for all further tournaments to come.

If you have any questions or would like to offer your assistance could you please email me at confraternity2012@gmail.com

Many thanks,

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Tournament Convener