Dear Parents & Players,

Santa Sabina will be competing in the University of NSW Water Polo Competition. This competition will be conducted during Term 1, 2013. Please read the following information carefully as, in conjunction with the information contained in the College Sports Handbook, it will form the basis for your involvement in Water Polo at Santa Sabina College in 2013.

There is an absolute expectation that all players fulfil their contractual obligations during the season and that they do so with the active support of their parents. Areas of particular concern to the College Sports Department are the punctual attendance of players at training and games and appropriate parental notification of absences from these commitments.

**Competition Dates:** Term 1, 2013 (Saturdays)

**Game Times:** 8:00am – 12 noon. Games are of 40 minutes duration.

**Venues:** UNSW pool. Other pools will also be used but these cannot be confirmed until closer to the start of the competition in 2013.

**Uniform:** The uniform items required for this sport are as follows;
- Regulation Black and White Water Polo costume or new SSC Cat Suit costume (details for online purchase on SSSConnect) & regulation black swimming cap.
- Only regulation College sports attire is to be worn both to and from all Saturday games. The wearing of suitable footwear is also compulsory.

**Please note**
- If the weather is cold students are to wear their College tracksuit to sporting fixtures. At no time should non-regulation clothing be worn when representing the College in sport.

**Equipment:** Players are advised to wear a mouth guard. The school will provide all other equipment required for participation in water polo, including caps and balls.

**Training:** All players will have one training session each week, the duration of which will be an hour. This session is either after school from 3:30 - 4:30pm or before school from 7:00 – 8:00am. It is expected that students are punctual, dressed in school sports attire and have appropriate safety equipment for all training sessions. **It is essential that players attend all training sessions even if it is raining.**

On the rare occasions that it may be necessary for a player to miss training
- **If the inability to attend is known in advance** - a letter of explanation from the player’s parent/guardian is to be given to the coach in advance. This notice should be given as early as possible.
- **If the player is absent from school on the day of training** - the player’s parent/guardian is asked to advise the relevant school office staff member of their child’s absence from training when advising of their absence from school. The office will then relay this message to the relevant sports staff member.
- **At other times** - a letter of explanation is to be given to the coach at the next available time.

**Please Note:** Failure to attend training without a timely written explanation is unacceptable and can jeopardise players continued involvement in sport at the College.

**Games:** Players are expected to attend all games and must be at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the game so there is adequate time for score sheets to be completed and for players to sign on and warm-up. If a player is for some reason unable to play due to illness or injury it is important that they come to support their team where possible.

On the rare occasions that a player is unable to attend a game the following procedures are to be followed.
- **If the inability to attend is known in advance** - a written letter from the player’s parent or guardian requesting ‘leave’ from the game should be given to the coach in advance. The granting of leave would depend on the circumstances and the effect this would have on the team. Advance notice should be given as early as possible.
• If the inability to attend is not known in advance – the parent or guardian of the player should telephone the coach. As for absences from school, a written letter of explanation from the player’s parent or guardian should follow this phone call. These notes should be given to the coach at the next available time.

Please Note
• Failure to attend games without a timely written explanation is unacceptable and can jeopardise players continued involvement in sport at the College.
• A member of the sports staff will contact Parents/guardians of students whose non-attendance at training or games is not notified in the correct manner.

Coaches: Each team will have a coach who is responsible for the ongoing training of the team and the development of the players’ skills and knowledge of the game.

Communication: Our main forms of communication with the players and their parents are via the team coaches, Veritas Voice, sports notice board, SSConnect, email and morning messages. Please ensure you regularly attend to these to ensure you are well informed regarding Water Polo in 2013. The Veritas Voice and messages are also published on SSConnect.

Contracts: Players in Years 8-12 (2013) must complete and return their Water Polo Contract by Wednesday 24 October to the Senior Sport Box. Students in Year 6 & 7 (2013) must return their contract on Orientation Day, Tuesday 9 October. Once a contract has been received fees will be charged.

Fees: A NON-REFUNDABLE fee of no more than $120.00 will be added to the 1st fee Instalment, 2013. Fees include registration, insurance, referees expenses, team equipment and coaching fees.

Grading: All players (except those already playing in term 4, 2012 IGSSA water polo) are expected to attend their grading day. In extreme cases where a player is unable to attend, a written explanation from the parents must be attached to their child’s Sports Contract. If a player is unable to attend at short notice the players parents should contact Mrs Messervy at the Sports Office on 9745 0224. Attendance at grading or appropriate notification of the inability to attend is essential to be guaranteed a place in the most appropriate team.

Grading will be held at the following times:

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If you have any enquiries please contact Mrs Sue Messervy at the College.

Sue Messervy
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SANTA SABINA COLLEGE
SPORTS CONTRACT
WATER POLO
Years 6 – 12 Term 1, 2013

Contracts Due 24 OCTOBER for students in Years 8 – 12 in 2013
On Orientation Day (Tuesday 9 October) for students in Year 6 & 7 in 2013

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________________________

POSTAL ADDRESS: ________________________________________________ Post Code: __________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________ (mum / dad)

PHONE No. Home: __________________________

Parent Mobile: __________________________ (mum)

Parent Mobile: __________________________ (dad)

YEAR (2013): (e.g. 7, 9) ___________ D.O.B: ______________________

HOMEROOM TEACHER: __________________________ HR NUMBER: __________

RELEVANT HEALTH INFORMATION:

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We understand and agree to meet the commitment being made in undertaking to play Water Polo for Santa Sabina College and acknowledge that

- sporting activities are dangerous and may result in personal injury, disability, illness or death and resultant economic loss or property damage and that the named student participates in sporting activities voluntarily and at her own risk.
- a NON-REFUNDABLE fee of no more than $120.00 will be added to the 1st Fee Instalment in 2013.
- the information collected in Sports Contracts may be made available to sports associations, parents, student and coaches to facilitate the smooth running of the school sports program.

SIGNED: Student: __________________________ Date: __________________

Parent: __________________________ Date: __________________