Dear Parents & Students,

Santa Sabina will be competing in the University of NSW Water Polo Competition. This competition will be conducted during Term 1, 2014. 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 2014.

There is an absolute expectation that all Students 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 students at training and games and appropriate parental notification of absences from these commitments.

**COMPETITION DATES:** Term 1, 2014 (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 2014.

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

**TRAINING:** All students will have one training session each week, the duration of which will be approximately 1 – 1.5 hours. This session is either after school from 3:30pm 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 a student is unable to attend training their parent/guardian should email the water polo co-ordinator (TBA as Mrs Messervy is on LSL) as early as possible.

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

**GAMES:** Students 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 students to sign on and warm-up. If a student 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 student is unable to attend a game the following procedures are to be followed.

- **If the inability to attend IS known in advance** - parent/guardian should email as early as possible the water polo co-ordinator.
- **If the inability to attend IS NOT known in advance** – the parent/guardian of the student should SMS or phone the coach to inform them of the absence and email the water polo co-ordinator.

**Please Note**

- Failure to attend games without a timely explanation is unacceptable and can jeopardise students’ continued involvement in sport at the College.
• A member of the sports staff may 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 students’ skills and knowledge of the game.

**COMMUNICATION:** Our main form of communication with the students and their parents is email. Information will also be provided via the team coaches, Veritas Voice, Internal On-Line Learning & Administration Portal, sports notice board and student messages. Please ensure you regularly attend to these to ensure you are well informed regarding Water Polo 2014. The Veritas Voice and morning messages are also published online.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** To facilitate the smooth running of the school sports program, the safe participation of students and in some cases the registration of teams or individuals, contact information including, but not restricted to, the mobile numbers, email addresses and residential address (residential addresses are used for registration purposes ONLY if required by an Association) for students and their parents/guardian as well as students’ DOB may be provided to Sports Associations, coaches, managers, staff, parents and students. The information on record at the College is the default information used by the Sports Department. If you wish alternate details to be used for Sport please email these details to the Sports Staff member named at the end of this Contract.

**CONTRACTS:** Students must complete and return their Water Polo Contract to the Sports Department at the College no later than **Monday 14 October 2013**.

**FEES:** A NON-REFUNDABLE fee of no more than $120.00 will be added to the 1st fee Instalment, 2014. Fees include registration, insurance, referees expenses, team equipment and coaching fees.

**GRADING:** All students (except those already playing in the term 4, 2013 IGSSA water polo competition) are expected to attend grading. In extreme cases where a student is unable to attend parents should note this on the contract or email Mrs Messervy at s.messervy@ssc.nsw.edu.au as early as possible. Attendance at grading or appropriate notification of the inability to attend is essential to be guaranteed a place in the most appropriate team. Non attendance at grading does not void your contract.

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 in 2013.

**Please Note:** There will be another co-ordinator of water polo in 2014. Details TBA.

Sue Messervy
SSC Sports Department
Phone: 9745 0224
Email: s.messervy@ssc.nsw.edu.au
Contracts Due: Students must complete and return their Water polo Contract to the Sports Department at the College no later than Monday 14 October 2013.

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________________________________________

YEAR GROUP (2014): (e.g. Yr 7) ___________ D.O.B: ______________________

CONTACT DETAILS: Contact details as previously provided to the College will be used unless alternate contact details are provided. (See the attached Contract for details about how to provide alternate details if required)

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 2014.
- the contact information previously provided to the College may be made available to Sports Associations, staff, coaches, managers, parents and students as needed to facilitate the smooth running of the school sports program.

SIGNED: Student: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Parent: ________________________________ Date: ________________