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Dear Parents and Carers,

St Edward's Football Academy – Expression of Interest | Year 8 Boys – 2025

The St Edward's Football Academy is an exciting initiative designed to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their football skills, fitness, and game awareness. This program will complement their existing training and offer a structured, engaging, and dynamic environment for development.

The academy follows the coaching philosophies and playing structures of Football Federation Australia and the English Football Association. We are seeking **Year 8 students in 2025** who have prior experience playing in a team, either within or outside of school, and who are passionate about football. The program aims to foster a culture of commitment, engagement, and personal growth while promoting overall health and wellbeing.

Under the guidance of our highly qualified and experienced coaching staff, students will be challenged to develop both on and off the field. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to gain coaching and refereeing qualifications through our Academy partnership with Central Coast Football Association.

For 2025, the **St Edward's Football Academy will now also be open to Year 8 students**. The program will run from the start of **Term 2 until the end of the academic year**, with an initial intake of up to **eighteen students**.

Students interested in joining the academy are required to submit a one-page expression of interest letter to the College Principal, addressing the key selection criteria outlined below. Applications must be submitted via email to principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au by 3:00pm on Friday, March 21, 2025 (Week 7, Term 1).

In the event of high demand, the Principal, Leader of Learning – Sport, and College football coaching staff will assess applications and select the most suitable candidates based on the key selection criteria.

Key Selection Criteria:

- A brief explanation of why you are applying for a position in the St Edward's College Football Academy.
- Demonstrated involvement and support of the College Sporting Programs and Social Justice Program.
- Satisfactory achievement in the College Learner Profile.
- Current representation in a local or representative football club.

We look forward to receiving applications from students eager to further their football development and commitment to the sport.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici
College Principal