

STRETTON STATE COLLEGE



SPORTS ACADEMY HANDBOOK

STRETTON STORM



The Stretton Storm Sports Academy provides students in Years 4–12 with the opportunity to develop as well-rounded athletes both on and off the field, while competing at the highest levels in Football, Rugby League, and Volleyball. Guided by our core values of Accountability, Grit, and Community, the Academy is committed to fostering resilience, personal growth, and sporting excellence, creating clear pathways toward a successful future.

Students in Years 7–12 may be selected into Sports Academy curriculum classes, where they further develop the knowledge and skills required to succeed as an athlete. Learning areas include nutrition, mindset and wellbeing, strength and conditioning, and athlete lifestyle management. All students undergo testing using VALD Sports Science technology, allowing for the development of individualised strength and conditioning programs and targeted injury-prevention strategies.

Academy students are expected to maintain high academic standards, demonstrating strong effort and behaviour across all subject areas. Participation in all Academy-related extracurricular activities—including ANZAC Day, Mental Health Week, and International Women’s and Men’s Day—is compulsory and reflects the Academy’s commitment to character development and community engagement.

The three Academy sports emphasise advanced teamwork, leadership, and team culture, encouraging collaboration, communication, and strategic thinking. Success within the program is not measured solely by on-field results, but by each student’s growth as an athlete—focusing on skill development, performance execution, and personal progression in competitive environments.

Students train year-round in their chosen sport and have opportunities to compete at local, state, and interstate levels. In 2026, all three Academy sports will compete at the highest level possible, facing Australia’s top-performing sporting schools.



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FOOTBALL



The Stretton Storm Football Academy is designed to provide students with exceptional opportunities to learn, develop, and refine their football skills and game understanding as they progress on the pathway toward becoming elite athletes. The Academy delivers high-quality coaching alongside targeted support to help students successfully balance their academic, sporting, and future career goals.

Our Football Academy is committed to nurturing young players by developing both their technical ability and tactical understanding, ensuring each individual reaches their maximum potential on and off the field. Our experienced coaching staff specialise in youth development and strive to produce well-rounded footballers who demonstrate high technical proficiency, strong decision-making, and a genuine love for the game.

In 2026, the Academy will compete in the Queensland Schools Premier League (QSPL)—the highest level of school football competition in Queensland. Students are also provided with opportunities to participate in a wide range of football and futsal tournaments throughout South East Queensland, gaining valuable competitive experience across multiple formats of the game.

The Academy works closely with local junior football clubs, forming strong partnerships that utilise shared facilities, expert coaching, and clearly defined player development pathways. These relationships ensure continuity between school and club football environments.

The Stretton Storm Football Academy is proud to commence a partnership with Olympic FC, establishing a genuine pathway for talented athletes into elite programs such as the NPL and FQPL. This partnership will provide both athletes and coaches with access to high-performance coaching environments and professional-standard facilities, further supporting player development at the highest level.



RUGBY LEAGUE

The Stretton Storm Rugby League Academy provides students with the opportunity to achieve academic success while developing the technical, tactical, and physical skills required to compete in elite rugby league competitions across Queensland. Beyond performance, the program places strong emphasis on personal development and life skills, encouraging students to become positive contributors to their school and local community.

The program is available to students in Years 4–12, catering for both boys and girls. Students in Years 7–12 have the opportunity to study Rugby League as a curriculum subject, aligned with the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum. Upon completion of the program, students graduate with a Certificate III in Fitness, along with qualifications in First Aid and CPR, Coaching, Refereeing, and Touch Judging, providing valuable pathways beyond their schooling years.

The Rugby League Academy is supported by a team of 10 highly qualified coaches who bring extensive experience in player development. Students in Years 7–12 receive individualised strength and conditioning programs tailored to their personal goals, alongside education in sports nutrition. Senior Rugby League students are further supported with personalised nutrition plans and advanced strength programs, ensuring they are equipped with every opportunity to grow, perform, and transition successfully into post-school pathways.

Stretton Storm Rugby League students are exposed to the highest level of school rugby league competition in Queensland, competing in the Broncos Cup and Titans Cup. In 2025, both the Open Boys and Open Girls teams competed at a national level in the National Schoolboys (Langer Trophy) and National Schoolgirls competitions, facing the top-performing rugby league schools from across Australia.



VOLLEYBALL



The Volleyball Academy aims to develop and grow passionate and successful volleyball players and provide them with opportunities to compete in Regional, State and National Competitions. The Academy thrives because of the supportive family environment that has been built over the years and is at the forefront of everything we do. We encourage our students to set high expectations for themselves while showing grit and determination on and off the court. Volleyball Academy students in Year 7 - 10 have the opportunity to study Volleyball as a subject, which aligns to the Health and Physical Education curriculum.

Our Volleyball Academy has competed at Queensland Volleyball Schools Cup and Australian Volleyball Schools Cup over the last 10 years. The Stretton Storm Volleyball Academy are currently ranked 11th in Australia after impressive results at Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in 2023. In 2023, the Year 9 Girls won gold. Our Year 8 boys finished 4th and Year 7 Girls finished 5th in Australia. This year has already seen some strong performances at QLD Junior Schools Cup which will see us elevated into the Top 10 Schools in Australia for Volleyball. Our Year 7 & 8 Boys are currently ranked 3rd in QLD, while our Year 9 Boys are the 4th best team in the State!



CODE OF CONDUCT - COACH

- To model to all students that rules of the sports are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break.
- All members of the team need and deserve equitable (not equal) game time.
- Develop the team's respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Compliment all participants on their efforts.
- Condemn Unsportsmen like behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Ensure that behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.
- Ensure that behaviour, whether at or away from the playing venue, does not bring the name of 'School Sport' into disrepute.
- Do not publicly criticise or react to the umpires/referees judgement and decisions.
- Keep yourself informed of current officiating, coaching and training principles.
- Maintain a standard of dress complimentary to the presentation of the team.
- **Duty of care for all staff and students is at the forefront at every event.**
- Ensure that you do not use your position to recruit students into school programs.
- Never leave the playing venue until all SSC team members have departed or are under the supervision of a parent/carer.



CODE OF CONDUCT - PARENT/GUARDIAN

- Cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for your child.
- Ensure all fees are paid by their relative deadlines.
- Ensure that students are achieving a 90% or better attendance rate.
- Ensure your child upholds Satisfactory, Very Good and/or Excellent behaviour across all subjects.
- Ensure that your child wears the correct uniforms for school and all academy events. This includes wearing the Formal Uniform on the required day.
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students.
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child's learning, wellbeing and behaviour.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to follow.
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol-free environment.
- Respect pick up/ departure times by being punctual.
- Parents are to remain in allocated spectator zones and not in team benches/spaces.
- Communicating absence from training and competition.



CODE OF CONDUCT - ATHLETE

- Students are expected to show exemplary behaviour both on and off the court, acting as role models for younger students. Contradictory behaviour will invoke disciplinary proceedings at the discretion of the Director of Sporting Excellence and the Campus Principal.
- Students must show respect to the Stretton Storm staff, students and culture at all times.
- Behaviour resulting in suspension from school will see the student suspended from the Sports Academy for a period of time. Suspensions are dealt with on a case by case basis, at the discretion of the Director of Sporting Excellence in consultation with the Campus Principal.
- Students who are suspended from school for a second time, will be removed from the Sports Academy for the remainder of the year with no refund of fees and will be required to retrain for the following year.
- Students must communicate their absences in advance for trainings and competitions.
- Students are to be punctual to all training sessions and competitions.
- Students understand game time is distributed equitably across the year and not equally between students.
- Students have the responsibility to play and train in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Students attendance at all school inter-house activities and carnivals (Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming) is compulsory.
- Students will attend camp for their primary sport only and prioritise all events and/or competitions of their primary sport.



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Stretton Storm Sports Academy – Student Expectations

Students enrolled in the Stretton Storm Sports Academy are expected to demonstrate high standards of behaviour, commitment, and responsibility at all times, both within the school environment and when representing the college externally.

1. Behaviour and Conduct

- Students must demonstrate exemplary behaviour both on and off the court, acting as positive role models for younger students. Behaviour inconsistent with these expectations may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the Director of Sporting Excellence and the Campus Principal.
- Students must show respect to all staff, students, and the Stretton State College community at all times.
- These expectations apply at all times, including when representing the college at Interschool, District, Regional, or higher-level events.
- Students must train and compete in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
- Students are expected to behave appropriately and actively engage in all subject classes to the best of their ability.

2. Commitment and Participation

- Students must commit to the Sports Academy program for the full duration of the year.
- Attendance at all scheduled training sessions, competitions, and academy events is compulsory.
- Students must attend camp for their primary sport and prioritise all events and competitions related to that sport.
- Attendance at all school inter-house activities and carnivals (Athletics, Cross Country, and Swimming) is compulsory.
- Students must communicate any absences in advance for trainings and competitions.
- Students are expected to maintain a minimum of 90% attendance across school and training. A signed note or medical certificate is required for all absences.
- Students must be punctual to all training sessions and competitions.

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3. Academic Responsibilities

- Students must take responsibility for their learning and ensure all classwork and assessment is completed and submitted on time.
- If a known absence will impact an assessment, students must take all reasonable steps to complete or submit the work prior to the due date.
- Participation in sport is not considered a valid reason for assessment extensions.

4. Uniform Expectations

- Students must wear the correct Stretton State College formal or sports uniform each day and ensure it is worn appropriately, including all required items such as socks, belts, ties, and hats.
- Academy uniforms are not to be worn during regular school hours and may only be worn during curriculum classes, training sessions, games, or official academy events.

5. Program Standards and Consequences

- Game time is distributed equitably across the season and not necessarily equally among all students.
- Behaviour resulting in suspension from school will result in suspension from the Sports Academy for a period determined on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Sporting Excellence in consultation with the Campus Principal.
- A second school suspension will result in removal from the Sports Academy for the remainder of the year. No refund of fees will be provided, and students will be required to re-trial for the following year.
- Students and families must ensure they can meet the financial commitments of the program. Students with outstanding fees who are not following an approved payment plan may be suspended from the program.

Please read carefully the Stretton Storm Contract and complete the Microsoft Form to acknowledge your commitment to the 2026 program.

