



**SCOTS ALL SAINTS  
COLLEGE**

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Welcome to the Scots All Saints College Equestrian Program handbook which outlines, the expectations of equestrian students and parents including the requirements for the uniform and equipment.

It is important that you read and understand this information carefully. Once you have read and understood the program, and would like to participate in the Equestrian Program, please follow the steps on 'How to Join the Equestrian Team' on page 6 of this booklet and submit all forms to the Director of Equestrian. In addition to this form, please provide a copy of the student's current Equestrian Australia (EA) membership card.

### 1. The Program

Scots All Saints College Equestrian Program is offered as a co-curricular activity designed to encourage students who have their **own** horses to train and compete. Students can choose to participate in equestrian or participate in other sports programs, in addition to equestrian.

Both day and boarding students can elect to participate in equestrian as a co-curricular activity part and as part of the active afternoons program. All students in the equestrian program have access to the extensive equestrian facilities upon arrangement with the Director of Equestrian.

The College participates in the following Interschool competitions and equestrian students are encouraged to be involved in:

- Scots All Saints College Show Jumping Day (run most years)
- The North West Equestrian Expo at Coonabarabran (early June) (7-12) and/or
- Interschool's Horse Extravaganza, Tamworth (October) (K-12)

Students are encouraged to participate in other external events to the College within their chosen discipline Events may include:

- **Local Shows**
- **EA NSW Interschool Championships** – this event is held annually at SIEC. Information about this competition is available from the Director of Equestrian or from the EA website. The cost of participating at SIEC can be costly so we do not expect all members of the program to consider this event. However, where possible, it is beneficial and a rewarding experience for those involved to participate as part of the Scots All Saints College team present each year.
- **Canberra and Sydney Royal Shows, Representative Breed Shows and Hack Council events** – some of our more experienced riders will be accepted to compete at these prestigious events. School leave must be approved in order to attend.
- **Other Interschool Competitions** – it is always beneficial to have College representation at other interschool events. Please feel free to consult with the Director of Equestrian if you are not sure of what

is expected at various competitions. Please note an indemnity must be completed to represent the College at an interschools competition not organised by the College.

- **Other Equestrian Australia Events** – these include one day events, showjumping and dressage competitions
- **Other events** – such as campdrafts, polocrosse carnivals etc.
- **Pony Club events** – many of our riders are also members of their local pony club. It is valuable for students to attend pony club rallies and take part in competitions offered by the clubs.

Parents are to transport their son/daughter and horse to these events. The College does not provide any horse transport.

It is expected that riders will want to pursue different disciplines with their horses such as dressage, showjumping, eventing, dressage, sporting, polocrosse, team penning and campdrafting etc. It is our mission to support all our students as they develop their talents in these areas. It is also important that **all riders continue to improve their flat riding as this is the foundation in any specialist area**. Although some riders may not actively participate in the main disciplines of interschool competitions such as dressage, showjumping, eventing or hacking, they are strongly encouraged to participate in the lessons from qualified instructors organised by the College.

Scots All Saints College are very fortunate to have three accredited coaches who visit the equestrian centre regularly. The instruction is available for day and boarding students – Showjumping lessons are conducted with the outstanding coach, Mrs Jennifer Wood on our 90 by 50 m showjump arena. Students may elect to have lesson either weekly or fortnightly. Flatwork/Dressage lessons occur weekly by the very talented riders and coaches, Mrs Jana Poppe and Miss Sarah Faraway. We respect that some riders may have their own instructors and we support the use of these instructors at their own venues or the coaches' private facilities.

## 2. Facilities at the Scots All Saints Equestrian Centre

The Scots All Saints Equestrian Centre has wonderful facilities as follows:

- 7 electric fenced large paddocks with ample shade
- 17 20 by 25 metre steel post and rail yards with rubber lined shelter
- 4 feed and tack rooms with shade awning for tacking up
- 3 wash bays
- 18 m sand round yard
- 90 by 50 metre sand arena
- Full show jump course
- Training cross country course up to 80cm.

## 2. Guidelines for Equestrian Students and Parents

Equine sports require students to demonstrate high levels of responsibility, caring for their horse but also taking precautions that minimise the likelihood of injury to themselves and their mount. Therefore, equestrian students are expected to adhere to the following expectations whilst riding at home, at school, at interschool events, at clinics and competitions.

1. All students **must be current financial members of Equestrian Australia**. This is necessary for insurance purposes. Before a student can bring a horse to the College and ride at the College or represent the College at an event, a copy of the membership card must be provided to the Director of Equestrian.



2. To **provide and wear appropriate clothing and safety equipment**, e.g. riding boots, an approved riding helmet, long pants and a shirt with sleeves. Parents may choose to provide an ASA approved protective safety vest for their son or daughter, however, this is not compulsory.
3. **Safety footwear** is required by all persons who are involved in the riding, instruction or observation of riders (including parents, siblings, friends or others). Safety footwear is completely enclosed, preferably leather e.g. riding boots, lace-up shoes. We require parents to wear safety footwear when around the horses. If incorrect footwear is worn, the individual will be asked to leave the area where there are horses are present. Thongs of any sort are not to be worn in any area or under any circumstances.
4. Students need to **provide their own saddlery and equipment** and are encouraged to have all items clearly marked with their name. All equipment must be clean and properly maintained. All students will have their gear checked regularly.
5. To ensure that horses brought to Scots All Saints College, or venues where clinics are held are healthy, all horses must be up to date with vaccinations (Strangles and Tetanus) and are to be regularly drenched. Certificates or proof of this may be requested. All horses must also have their feet regularly trimmed or shod. Should the Director of Equestrian or one of the College instructors deem the horse not suitable for riding, the owners of the horse will be asked to remove the horse from the venue.
6. Students are only permitted to ride the horses they have been approved to ride. Students are not permitted to let other people ride their horse. Before a student will be able to ride their own horse a 'Rider and Horse Suitability Assessment' will be carried out. Any horse that is deemed to be unsuitable will be asked to be removed from the equestrian centre and will not be able to be a part of this program.
7. Students may be given approved leave for competitions. They may also be given leave to prepare for and travel to such competitions. All leave must be applied for by forwarding a written application (email is satisfactory) to the Head of College and the Director of Equestrian, at least seven days prior to the intended leave. Students should obtain work from their teachers when they are away from school.
8. Each time a horse enters or leaves the equestrian centre the 'Horse Movement' record sheet **MUST** be completed which are housed in the tack rooms.
9. All parents and students are expected to show respect for and to:
  - Other parents, riders, visitors
  - Instructors, judges, organisers, volunteers
  - Their horses
  - The venues
  - Their parents

### 3. AGISTMENT AGREEMENT FOR BOARDERS

Scots All Saint College provides on-campus agistment at the Scots All Saints Equestrian Centre on the Senior School Campus. Agistment is to be organised through the Director of Equestrian.

Agistment is only available for boarding students' horses during term time.

All boarder parents and students must sign the 'Riding and agistment contract' before horses arrive on College grounds.

A number of agistment options are available, as follows:

1. Shared paddocks - \$30 per week
2. Private yards (approx. 20m by 25m) with rubber lined shelter - \$50 per week
3. Combination of the above - \$50 per week

There are limited spaces and students will be allocated a paddock or yard as booking forms are received. Term bookings are made at the end of each term via a google form from the Director of Equestrian. This is released towards the end of each term.

Agistment is billed per term and costs associated with the program will be included in the mid-term account. It is important for accounts to be maintained and up to date or the College may revoke agistment.

Students are responsible for the daily care and feeding of horses. The Director of Equestrian will oversee that these responsibilities are carried out. Animal welfare is paramount. If an animal is not being cared for, a warning will be issued to the student. After two warnings, a meeting will be held with the parents to discuss the future of the agistment of the horse.

Before horses arrive at the College, they must have current Tetanus and Strangles vaccinations. They must also be drenched prior to arrival at the beginning of each term. Horses should also have been recently shod/trimmed by a farrier.

Boarders are expected to notify (both in writing and verbally) boarding house staff when they are leaving the boarding house to ride or attend to horses.

Boarders can only ride when there are two or more students riding/present.

Students are **not** able to jump unsupervised.

All boarders riding must have a mobile phone in case of emergency. All students **MUST** have the emergency app on their phones (They should not ride with the phone but have it in a safe place in case of need).

The College holds no responsibility for any injury that occurs to any horse. The College holds no responsibility for any damage or loss of any personal horse gear/equipment. All horses and gear are kept on the school premises at the owners' own risk.

It is the responsibility of the parents of the rider to transport or organise transport to and from events and training days. The school does not provide horse transport.

#### 4. SCOTS ALL SAINTS COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN TEAM UNIFORM/GEAR REQUIREMENTS

The equestrian uniform is available from the uniform shop located on Junior School Campus, 70 Eglinton Road, Bathurst. Further details about the uniform shop opening hours and online ordering is available on the College via this link <https://scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au/our-college/uniform-shop/>.

Saddle clothes are to be ordered directly via <https://bairnsdalehorsecentre.com.au/product/scots-all-saints-college-saddle-cloth/>

#### 5. HOW TO JOIN THE EQUESTRIAN TEAM?

Please submit the following forms AFTER joining EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA at either the Participant or Competitor level. Go to: <https://www.nsw.equestrian.org.au/resources/how-to-become-a-member>

1. **Read all of this Equestrian Information Booklet** and then **complete pages 7 and 8 of this booklet**. I must sight your EA card or if you only provide your membership number it will need to be verified as being current and financial.

2. **Thoroughly read and sign the 'Riding and Agistment Contract' and indemnities**. This is for all members who intend to participate in riding lessons, use the College facilities and/or agist at the College.

If you are agisting:

3. **Complete the 'Agistment Booking' form** (google form available from the Director of Equestrian)

4. **Complete the 'Agisted Horse Details' form.**

5. **Complete the appropriate sections of the 'Horse and Rider Suitability Assessment' form.**

If you are wanting to book in for either showjumping and/or flat work lessons please complete the relevant google form for the term or contact the Director of Equestrian for access to this form

#### 6. For Further information, please contact:

**Director of Equestrian:** Mrs Libby Dawes

**Phone:** 63312766 or 0457515167

**Email:** [libby.dawes@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au](mailto:libby.dawes@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au)

**SCOTS ALL SAINTS COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN TEAM**

**Member Information**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year at School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers (Student and Parent)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address (Student and Parent)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse Details:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any registrations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Height:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of any riding/pony clubs?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Details of Rider Experience:** (How long have you been riding? What disciplines do you ride in? How experienced are you? what levels/grades do you compete in? etc.)

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**Do you own your own float for transport?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you able to transport other student's horses should the need arise?** \_\_\_\_\_

## SCOTS ALL SAINTS COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM CONSENT

I have thoroughly read the Scots All Saints College Equestrian Program Information Booklet and understand all of the expectations and requirements. I have also read through this booklet with my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ and I am confident they have a full understanding of its contents.

I understand that if my son/daughter does not fulfil the requirements stated they will be given a warning before being asked to choose another co-curricular activity.

Please sign below and return this form with a copy of your son/daughters current EA Membership card/number.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Equestrian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EA Card sighted: Yes/No

EA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT EA CARD**