**ROWVILLE SPORTS ACADEMY (RSA)**

**INTAKE 2017 AND PRE SELECTION FOR 2018**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TRY OUT CAMP 2**

**When and where will the try outs be held and what ages will be together?**

For students who are enrolling into Years 7, 8 or 9 in 2017 or Year 7 in 2018 the first of our three day trial camps has already begun and the final day will be held on June 14, 2016. Don’t worry if you did not attend this camp as further options exist for you as follows:

For students enrolling into Years 7, 8 or 9 in 2017 or who are seeking pre-selection to RSA in 2018

**Try Out Camp 2 (Junior) are as follows:**

- Basketball, Cricket, Football (AFL), Football (Soccer): June 14, 27, 28.
- Netball: June 14, July 7, 8
- Volleyball: Students who wish to join this program will receive an invitation to attend a training camp in July. You will be advised of the specific dates for this camp by the end of Term 2 via a personal emailed invitation. However the tentative date for Volleyball is Thursday July 28. This will be confirmed in the invitation that you receive later this term.

For students at all year levels in 2017

**Try Out Camp (Golf) will be held as follows:**

- Golf: June 14, 27, 28

For students enrolling into Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2017

**Try Out Camp (Senior) will be as follows:**

- Cricket: June 14, 27, 28
- Football (Soccer): July 4, 5

For students who will be in Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2017 and seeking places in Basketball, Netball or Football (AFL) you will receive an invitation to attend a training session or sessions with existing RSA students in August. You will be advised of the specific date or dates for this by the end of Term 2 via a personal emailed invitation.

**Registration – ALL sports except Football (AFL), Cricket and Golf**

- RSA Sports Precinct, Humphreys Way, Rowville
- For Football (AFL) registration will be at Eckington Parade Reserve, and
- For Cricket registration will be at Topline Sports, 1 31 – 35 Burgess Road, Bayswater
- For Golf registration will be at Waverley Golf Club, 82 Bergins Road, Rowville

Because the age range for students who will be trying out varies by about four years, coaches will allocate students close to their year levels particularly for more competitive tasks.

**What do I have to do if I want to get into RSA?**

1. Initially contact the RSA Administrative Office and register your details by calling 9755 4651. You will then be sent an email advising you of Try Outs. (Most people are receiving this email because they have already done this).
2. You need to register for the Try Outs by making payment for the Try Out Camp (see details in the next Question Box).

3. We would prefer that all registrations where possible are made by May 31 to assist us with planning for coaches and catering. However if necessary, we will take credit card only payments up to and on the morning of registration.

3. If your son/daughter wishes to try out for more than one sport please advise the RSA Administrative Office and we will provide you with further options. Please email Meg on Boyle.meg.m@edumail.vic.gov.au You should also inform Meg if your son/daughter has any medical conditions that we need to be aware of during the Try Outs or if they have food allergies (so as to ensure lunch is appropriate to their requirements)

How will I make payment for the Try Out Camp?

A payment of $140 will:
- enable you to attend all 3 days of the sport in which you wish to trial
- provide you with lunch on each of the 3 days of the camp
- enable you to trial in another sport if you wish

Payment must be made prior to attendance at the camp.

Registration and payment is made by logging on to - www.trybooking.com/KSFT

This will take you to our booking home page. Please select the sport that you wish to apply for and follow the prompts.

Please email RSA Administration if your son/daughter wishes to trial for more than one sport. The address is Boyle.meg.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

This camp includes two days during the school holidays, what if I am away and can’t attend?

This is our second try out camp so many of the available places are likely to be allocated following this camp. So we would urge that you make every endeavour to come to this camp. However after the second camp if vacancies remain for 2017, individual trials may be offered to potentially suitable applicants.

How will the coaches compare those at Try Out 2 with those who attended Try Out 1?

RSA is an elite program for students with special athletic ability. The coaches are aware of the standard of athlete that they are seeking and most have been going through this process for quite a number of years. They are looking to accept those students who best meet the standards required by the program.

It should also be noted that the last day of the First Try Out Camp (June 14) is also the first day of the second Try Out Camp, so the coaches will get a preliminary assessment of the second group of students and will take this into consideration when contemplating who they will offer places to.

My child is a bit nervous about trialling. What would you suggest?

Nervousness is a part of life and all children should be encouraged to pursue their dreams and not be put off by feeling uncomfortable. However to make life easier, especially for students who are feeling anxious, we suggest that your child might like to invite a friend to come along. The same charge will apply for friends irrespective of whether or not they are actually seeking a placement at RSA, as they will also get exposure to great coaching from our highly qualified coaches and lunch included. Their presence might reassure your son/daughter and equally they might decide after exposure to the camp that they wish to be considered for the program or even just attend future camps.
My child attended Try Out 1 and had a great time. Even though the coaches will have assessed my son/daughter’s capacity to join RSA we would like him/her to attend the second Try Out camp so as to keep on improving his/her knowledge and skill. Is that possible?

Yes we would be very happy for student athletes to attend the second camp – so an extra two days during the Term 2 holidays. The cost for this would be $70 and again would include lunch on each of the two additional days. If you are choosing this option don’t register through Try Booking. Instead email RSA Administrator Meg Boyle to advise her of this option. The address is boyle.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au. The $70 payment can then be made at registration on June 14.

What will my child need to bring on the day?
They need to be dressed to participate in the sport of their choice. Usually their club uniform or something similar is best. For football codes they will need boots (but also bring indoor shoes just in case) for cricket the trials will be indoors, for netball and basketball they will need non marking indoor shoes. They will also need to bring a water bottle and if the weather is warm for the football codes they should have a cap. Lunch will be provided on each day and is part of the cost for participating in the camp but perhaps a morning or afternoon snack would be a good thing to have in their bags (Healthy options preferred).

How long will the camp go for?
On each day of the camp the program will be from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. except that on the first day registration will take place between 8.30 a.m. until 9.15 a.m. at the Rowville Sports Precinct, Rowville Secondary College, Eastern Campus, Humphreys Way, Rowville, except that for AFL, Cricket and Golf these programs will take place off campus and students will meet at the venues:

- AFL will be at the Eildon Parade (Rowville) Reserve,
- Cricket at Topline Sports, 1 31 – 35 Burgess Road, Bayswater and
- Golf at Waverley Golf Club, 82 Bergins Road, Rowville

The Precinct will be open from 8.00 a.m. each day in case parents need to drop their children off on the way to work. The best drop off time at other venues would not be before 8.30 a.m.

Will parents be able to attend the camp?
Yes, Rowville SC is a family friendly school and parents are welcome at all events that the college has. In return we ask that parents behave respectfully, don’t directly approach coaches about how their child is performing and just encourage their child to see the camp as another great opportunity to have fun and develop their skills in the sport that they love.

How will it be determined whether my son/daughter is successful in gaining a place in RSA?
At the end of the 3 day camp the coaches will provide advice to the RSA Athletic Director on athlete rankings. They will have taken into account the attributes which lead to the realisation of potential such as athleticism, skill, coachability, sport specific intelligence, ability to follow instruction, team orientation and general attitude.

The RSA Athletic Director will also have received, read and analysed each student’s most recent school report. Attitude and work effort represented by things like completion of set tasks, personal best achievements and seeking feedback to improve will be key requirements being considered. The RSA Athletic Director will then determine who will receive offers of places in the RSA.
Why are academic outcomes taken into consideration?
RSA is part of Rowville Secondary College and its aim is to provide all students with opportunities for a great post school life. Students who do become professional sports players will find this to be a relatively short part of their working life. The minimum recognisable education is almost always seen now as a satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent (such as an apprenticeship) and the college accepts its responsibilities to ensure that every student gets the best possible education they are capable of. The college motto is “Opportunities for All: Aim High, Embrace Learning, Reap Rewards”
The school is unapologetic about not taking (or if we accidentally do, not keeping) students in RSA who will disrupt the learning of others and reduce their chances of excellent educational outcomes.

When and how will my son/daughter be notified whether they will be offered a place in RSA?
All students who attend the Try Out Camp will be emailed a letter advising the outcome of their application, within two weeks of the camp completion. Those who attended the first camp will be notified by Friday June 24. For those attending Try Out Camp 2 they will be notified by Friday July 15. If something goes amiss you will be able to email the RSA Athletic Director at fankhauser.glenn.h@edumail.vic.gov.au to ascertain the outcome. This notification will advise each applicant whether they have been:
1. Successful and offered a position in RSA for 2017 or pre-selection for 2018
2. Placed on a waitlist to see whether any current RSA athletes are not returning thereby creating availability or in the event that any offered athletes decline the offer
3. Offered a Development Squad place in conjunction with enrolment in our General Excellence program
4. Offered an invitation to trial for another sport
5. Unsuccessful

What if my son/daughter is notified that their application has been unsuccessful?
It is always disappointing when we don’t achieve things that we hoped we would. So firstly our letter will be written very respectfully and encouragingly. We would ask parents to support their children so that they recognise that just because they did not achieve something that they had wished to it is not necessarily someone else’s fault. No blame has to be found.
Rowville SC is proud of the opportunities that we provide. In addition to the RSA we have other strong programs:
1. Rowville Institute of the Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Media and Music specialisms)
2. Rowville Maths and Science Academy
3. General Excellence
All of these would be open to students who miss out on RSA to enrol in (Gen Ex) or audition or test for (RIA, MSA).
As indicated above Development Squad is also a possibility as is trying out for another sport.