

From the Principal

Governance Opportunities

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is a Company Limited by Guarantee. It is governed by a Board. The Board is responsible for the Strategic direction of the school and the governance oversight of school activities. The Board appoints a Principal who is responsible for the administration of the school and the delivery of its educational program.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is seeking to refresh the pool of people who are willing to be drawn upon to undertake Governance roles in the school. This may include Membership of:

- The School Board
- A School Board sub-committee
- A specific group looking at an area of interest defined by the Board (Board Advisory committee or Board Advisor).

To serve in one of these roles the most significant attribute you need is a genuine interest in the wellbeing of the school and the over 4,000 students who attend it. Apart from that abiding interest a range of skills and experience is needed. Serving on the School Board or in an associated Governance position is an excellent way to be a part of a vibrant \$100 million dollar a year business. It enables you to have a positive impact on the school's strategic direction as well as develop further skills in the area of governance and ultimately impact outcomes for a wonderful group of young people.

The school operates a Nominations Committee which makes recommendation to the Board in relation to individuals who may have an interest in taking on a role within the school. As a not-for-profit organisation all positions are un-remunerated. The Nominations Committee will review Expression of Interest and seek ways to utilise interest in the school. The school will maintain Expression of Interest for three years after which a fresh application will need to be made.

If you have an interest in pursuing an involvement, please contact Ms Michelle Graham, Director of Administration who will be able to make an Expression of Interest Form available to you.

Mr Andrew Neal – Principal

Singapore Sports Camp 2025

As part of the 2025 International Camps Program, Bacchus Marsh Grammar is intending to once again run a Sports Camp in Singapore at the Singapore Sports School.

Students must have an eagerness to train in aerobic and strength based activities whilst on this camp and will be required to attend training and fitness testing prior to the camp.

The program incorporates overseas training and travel experience for our athletes. This will have a number of components to its structure including:

- Education on travel and being an elite athlete
- Preparation of the body pre and post flight
- Nutrition and training/ Competition in a foreign country
- Strength and conditioning when traveling
- Education and practical application of fatigue and recovery strategies
- A cultural experience in Asia
- Introduction to a Sports Specific International Training Venue

The cost will be approximately \$3,500 - \$4000 per student, (dependent on student numbers) and this is inclusive of the majority of meals, accommodation, transport whilst in Singapore, flights to and from Singapore, venues such as the Singapore Flyer, The Singapore Sports Hub and the National Stadium, The Night Zoo and incidental charges.

The proposed date of the Camp will be departing Melbourne July 1 – Returning Melbourne July 10. Interested Year 8-11 students are invited to attend an expression of interest meeting.

Singapore Sports Tour 2025 Expression of Interest Meeting will take place on Thursday 28 November at lunchtime (1pm) in the Dance Studio at Maddingley Campus and the Gymnasium at Woodlea Campus.



Mr Bryce Durham – Head of Faculty: Physical Education and Health

Junior School

Maddingley

Prep Excursion to Staughton Vale

On what began as a grey and overcast morning, our Prep students from Maddingley set off for an exciting excursion to Staughton Vale. The day soon turned sunny, allowing the students to enjoy a range of wonderful outdoor activities. A highlight was the planting of a Lemon Scented Gum tree, with every student helping to place soil around the tree, symbolising the Prep connection to Staughton Vale. Our students look forward to watching it grow and caring for it over future visits. Throughout the day, the Preps immersed themselves in nature-based activities. Working in teams, they embarked on a scavenger hunt, using a map to locate various treasures around the property. They also embraced their

creativity, sculpting clay echidnas decorated with gumnut eyes and wooden spikes. Students were then given the opportunity to engage with a variety of sports equipment outdoors, enjoying time in nature and soaking up the sunshine.

A huge thank you to all staff involved in planning and making this memorable day possible!



Maddingley Prep Team

Prep Transition

Over the past three weeks, our excited 2025 Prep cohort has enjoyed some wonderful transition days, becoming familiar with our school in preparation for joining the BMG community. There were plenty of smiles, fun and just a few tears (mostly from parents!) as the children took part in activities like drawing, writing and creating fantastic pieces of work that will be displayed in their classrooms when they begin their learning journey with us in just a few short months. They should all be congratulated on their enthusiasm and confidence as they settled into their groups, and it was heart-warming to see many new friendships already forming. The Prep team is looking forward to welcoming them in their brand-new BMG uniforms!



Mrs Kylie McKerrow – Head of Prep

Year 1 Science

Year 1 students had a wonderful semester in Science. They have all enjoyed participating in experiments and discussions around the topics we have completed. During Term Three, students had fun working through activities to determine the force being exerted. They loved the challenge of trying to create a boat that floats, using only a ball of plasticine. It was tricky! Gravity proved to be a popular topic with all children being very engaged. During Term Four, students have had lots of fun each lesson with hands-on experiments to determine whether various materials could be bent, cut, broken, twisted or stretched. They have been learning how to hypothesise and record their findings. All students have worked very hard this year and I'm sure they will continue to enjoy Science as they move into Year 2. Have a wonderful holiday break.

Mrs Cheryl Clinton – Teacher

Year 2 Science

Wow! What a term it has been for Year 2 Science! Students have participated in an experiment nearly every week whilst we have been focusing on soundwaves, pitch and sound vibrations. They have observed salt crystals dancing from the vibrations created by our voice, rulers vibrating to create different pitch sounds and coloured water making different pitch sounds based on how much water was in each glass. Students have learnt how plucking, striking, shaking, blowing or scraping a musical instrument produces a sound and sounds travel as vibrations through the air until they reach our ears. They described the parts of the ear that make hearing possible and how soundwave vibrations transform into a message that goes to the brain. Students will complete their Post-Test in the coming lesson and create a musical instrument to take them home to test with their family. We have had a wonderful term and look forward to a wonderful year of learning in Year 3 in 2025!

Miss Melissa Pearson – Teacher

Year 3 Science

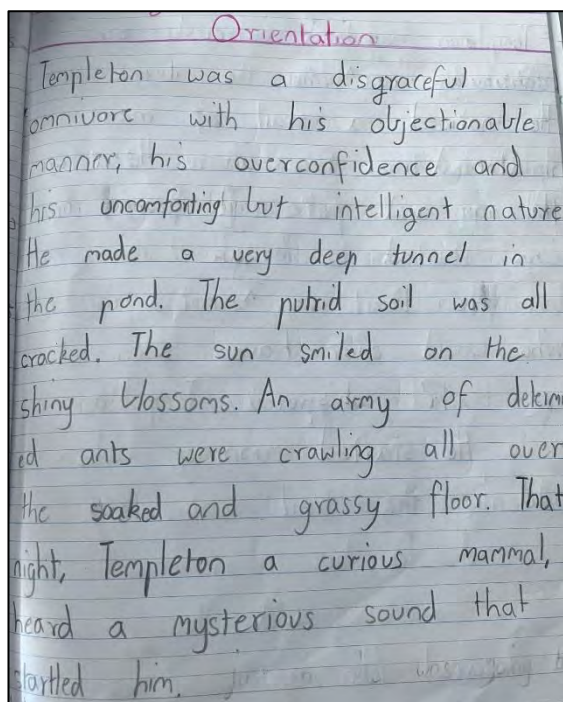
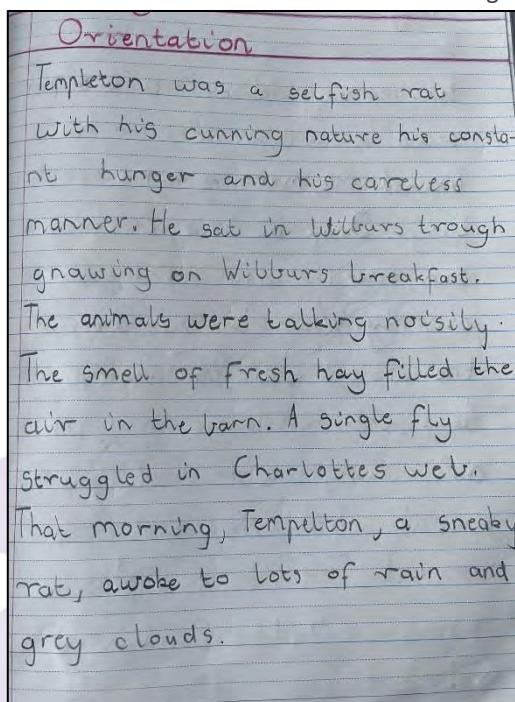
The Year 3 students at Maddingley Campus have nearly completed our semester-long unit called 'Melting Moments' with our focus on the Physical Science aspect of heat sources and heat transfer. We have experimented with how food changes state from solid to liquid to gas and back again through adding or removing heat. They described the changes in texture, temperature, appearance, state and whether the change is reversible or irreversible. Year 3 students have explored natural and artificial heat sources and how materials act as conductors and transfer heat or as insulators and maintain temperatures consistently. They have completed numerous experiments and practiced completing a written Scientific Investigation including a Hypothesis, Prediction, Equipment List, Method, Conclusion and Reflection of their results. Students will conclude the unit in the upcoming lesson with their post-test and explore how we can harness the heat from the sun to cook with! Have a safe and wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing your children bloom as scientists in Year 4 in 2025!

Miss Melissa Pearson – Teacher

Year 3

This term, the Year 3 students have been studying the well-known children's novel Charlotte's Web. They have been exploring various elements of the story to deepen their understanding of both the text and its literary techniques. Students have been analysing key themes such as friendship and loyalty as well as examining the unique traits of the characters and how these traits drive the narrative. In addition to studying the text, students have taken on the role of authors, crafting their own narratives inspired by the themes and techniques in Charlotte's Web. They have focused on developing detailed orientations, building tension through carefully structured problems, and creating satisfying resolutions.

To enhance their writing, students have learned new sentence techniques, including the use of similes and descriptive phrases, to bring their ideas to life and engage their readers. A focus has been on crafting engaging and descriptive orientations to describe character and setting and draw in the reader.



Mrs Ashleigh
Durham –
Head of Year 3

Year 4

Through the 'Material World/Package It Better' unit, our Year 4 students have been exploring the fascinating properties of natural and processed materials. From understanding how these materials are classified to discovering how they can be combined to create new, useful products, our budding scientists have been busy. They've also been thinking critically about sustainability, considering the environmental impact of different packaging materials and how we can make informed choices to protect our planet.

Mrs Georgia Low – Teacher

Woodlea

Prep

Last week, our Prep students had an exciting adventure at our Staughton Vale campus, spending the day with their Year 4 buddies. The day was filled with activities that encouraged teamwork and brought plenty of fun and smiles.

The buddies worked together on activities such as making fresh lemonade, yabbing, painting rocks and planting seeds. The Year 4 students took on a leadership role, helping their younger buddies with the smaller details of each task.

Drinking their freshly made lemonade was a highlight for many students, while the yabbing activity brought a mix of excitement and surprise. A



few students were amazed to catch a yabby, although most decided they were happier watching them rather than touching them to put them in the bucket.

It was a fantastic way to celebrate the connections made between the buddies throughout the year and to finish the year on a high note. We are proud of how the older students guided and supported the younger ones, making the day enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved.



Mr Warwick Grinter – Head of Prep

Year 2 Minibeasts Incursion

On 15 November, the Year 2 students participated in the Marvellous Minibeasts Incursion. This term, they have been learning about life cycles and habitats in their Global Studies lessons. During the incursion, the students were able to interact with many Minibeasts. They were also introduced to a stick insect named Stephanie! There was a wonderful enclosure set up where each student was given the opportunity to hold a butterfly and touch a yabby – which we learnt had an exoskeleton! There were three tables set up for the Year 2s to explore. Table 1 had a tub full of jumping crickets which some students were fast enough to catch. Table 2 was set up with magnifying glasses for the students to have a closer look at some dried insects. They also had the opportunity to look through bug-eyed goggles which showed what it would look like to see through compound eyes. Table 3 had a plant with a caterpillar and a praying mantis. The praying mantis had to be kept separate because it was a carnivore. The students also made their own colourful warning bracelets with bright colours to scare off predators. They had an amazing time exploring and learning about the different kinds of Minibeasts.

Ms Ashlee Taylor – Head of Year 2



Middle School

Woodlea

Year 5 Adventure at Camp Wyuna

On Wednesday 13 November, Year 5 Woodlea students embarked on an exciting adventure to Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff. The students were divided into two groups, each experiencing a unique set of activities. One group enjoyed a bike ride to various off-site locations, including a thrilling surfing session and a visit to the Queenscliff Maritime Museum. Meanwhile, the other group stayed at the YMCA camp, taking part in a range of engaging activities such as boogie boarding, pizza making, and exploring the Marine Discovery Centre. They also tackled beach challenges that fostered teamwork and camaraderie. Throughout the day, students forged lasting memories and developed a deeper understanding of local marine life and the importance of sustaining our ecosystem. It was a day full of fun, learning, and friendship!

'I enjoyed the beach challenges because it was a great way to bond with my friends and my favourite activity was filling the pole up with the water because we had to work as a team.' **Zeel**

'I first said that I never wanted to do surfing, but when I tried to surf it was one of the best experiences of my life.' **Riaan**

'I enjoyed making pizza as it was a new experience and it taught me how to make pizza from scratch which many people do not know how to make.' **Caleb**

'My favourite activity was surfing because it encouraged me to keep on trying and not to give up.' **Ashneer**



Mrs Samantha Bowden – Teacher

Physical Education, Health and Sport News

New House Competition System

With the introduction of the new 8 Houses this year, we're excited to inform the BMG community about the new House Competition System and how it will operate across both campuses.

What are you competing for?

Each sub-school has its own new House Shield, with the winner determined by the total points accumulated by that House throughout the competition year within their sub-school.

The new overall Campus Cup will be awarded based on the combined points from all sub-schools over the course of the House competition calendar.

Each campus will have its own cup.

How does the point system work?

At each House event, points are awarded on a scale of 8 to 1, with 8 points for first place and 1 point for last.

For major events like Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals, double points are awarded, ranging from 16 to 2.

When are results announced?

The competition runs on a Term 4 to Term 3 cycle, with final House points tallied at the end of Term 3 each year. The overall House results will be announced on Presentation Day, where the winning House will be awarded the House Shield. In addition, the Campus Cup will also be announced and presented on this day.



Mr Matt Harris – Administration

Singapore Netball Tour

This week, the Bacchus Marsh Grammar netball team departed for an exciting journey to Singapore to participate in the 13th International Youth Netball Challenge held at the Singapore Sports School. The tournament provides an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and compete against teams from Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and South Africa.

The team has been training weekly to prepare for this tournament, dedicating many lunchtime and afterschool hours to enhance their skills and develop team strategy.

Beyond the competition, the tour will also allow our students to experience Singapore's vibrant culture, make new friendships and create lifelong memories. These experiences will undoubtedly contribute to their growth, both as athletes and as individuals.

A big thank you to our staff attending; Nicole Garner, Tenielle Brown, Narelle Pritchard and Andrew Pate, who have worked tirelessly to prepare and organise the team. We wish you all the best.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE & Health



Woodlea

Year 3/4 Soccer MPSSA Competition

We are pleased to recognise the remarkable achievements of our Year 3/4 soccer teams in the recent MPSSA Soccer Competition. With disciplined teamwork and commitment, our boys' team secured a well-earned 1st place finish, while our girls' team demonstrated exceptional skill, placing 2nd in a highly competitive field.

Both teams consistently displayed exemplary sportsmanship, supporting each other and respecting their opponents. We extend our appreciation to the supportive spectators who contributed to these achievements. Congratulations to our Year 3/4 soccer teams on their outstanding performances.

Woodlea PE Teachers

Woodlea Sport Update

Western Ranges Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Jaydrien Chand & Yadish Prasanna who represented BMG Woodlea at the regional athletics competition held at Keilor Park Athletics Track

Jaydrien competed in the 200m and placed 15th overall.

Yadish Prasanna competed in the 1500m and placed 10th overall.

Year 5/6 Boys Cricket Regional Competition

Congratulations to the 5/6 boys cricket team who represented BMG Woodlea at the Regional level at Keilor Park Synthetic Fields.

With three tightly contested matches played at a high level, BMG WDL achieved 1 win and 2 losses.

Well done to this group of players who won through to this level with great team spirit and talent.

Year 3/4 MPSSA Basketball Competition

Congratulations to the Girls & Boys 3/4 Basketball Teams who represented BMG at Cobblebank Stadium.

The boys' team achieved 2 wins and 2 losses from their 4 round robin games.

The girls' team won through to the semi final stage and just fell short in extra time in the semi-final.

Well done to both teams who played with great sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the tournament.

Mr Evan Long – Head of PE

Music

Woodlea MS/SS Assembly

On Wednesday November 6, the wonderful MS/SS Choir performed a warm and spirited rendition of 'Can't stop the feeling' by Justin Timberlake at the MS/SS Assembly. Directed by Ms Kinghan and Mr Hernandez, this ensemble has grown from strength to strength this year, recruiting new and excited vocalists, whilst offering more experienced singers the chance to lead and mentor younger members.

The assembly also saw Sathvika Saikumar perform a Miley Cyrus piece, 'When I look at you', showcasing a burgeoning vocal talent, whilst Jasleen Kaur and Harliv Kaur presented 'Demons' by Imagine Dragons on voice and piano which reflected their well-honed musical talents.

All students are to be congratulated for their courage and initiative creating opportunities to express and share their talents with peers.



Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Performing Arts and Music: Woodlea

Administration

2025 Annual Acknowledgement

BMG families were emailed on 13 November 2024 advising of the 2025 School Fee Schedule and release of the 2025 Business Notice.

All parents/guardians associated with a student of the School are required to complete the Annual Acknowledgement that has now been emailed via Edsmart.

The Annual Acknowledgement needs to be signed and submitted by 4 December 2024.

If you require any assistance completing the Annual Acknowledgement, please contact Administration on (03) 5366 4800.

Co-Curricular

Maddingley SRC Food Train



It's that time of year again when Maddingley's SRC is asking for donations of non-perishable items for our annual Food Train in support of Neighbours Place, such as tinned vegetables, canned fish/meat, rice, jars of pasta/curry sauce, long-life milks, dry pasta, etc.

Donations can be brought to Maddingley Front Administration to be placed in the carriage-tubs. The train will be leaving the station on Friday 6 December (students' last day) to help those in need in our community this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ms Caitlin Bowers & Miss Kimberley McBain – SRC Coordinators
Maddingley

Reports

Semester Two Reports

At the conclusion of each semester, we provide parents with a formal report that provides important information about each student's academic performance, their approach to studies and attendance. In addition, teacher comments on the reports provide information about each child's involvement in the school community, strengths, improvement areas and, importantly, strategies to support the identified next steps for improvement.

The reports for each semester supplement the range of other ways that the School communicates with parents about their child, including parent-teacher interviews, contact with teachers, Schoolbox and celebrations of learning in the weekly BMG newsletter.

A reminder to families that, as a result of community feedback, reports are now provided in digital format only. If parents still wish to receive a paper copy, they may request this by emailing: reports@bmg.vic.edu.au.

We anticipate that the digital copies of reports, accessed via Schoolbox, should be available by Monday 16 December, with paper copies to follow after the Christmas shut-down period. Should any unforeseen technical issues prevent this, further communication will be made.

Mrs Emma Kannar – Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning

Library

Book Club News

Christmas is coming!

Issue 8 of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue is out now. [Click here](#) to go to the 'How to order' page.

Check out all the wonderful books available and place your order and have it delivered to your home well in time for the Festive Season.

Scholastic is offering a \$5 promo code on all orders over \$17.50 which can be redeemed in Issue 1 2025 PLUS the chance to win movie tickets for the new Dog Man movie being released in April 2025!



Scholastic Book Club Coordinators - Diane Dunn: Maddingley and Feona West: Woodlea

Bus and Transport

Parking/Waiting at Private Property

A reminder to parents that our buses stop in residential areas, it is important that parents do not park across or in residential driveways and always respect others' property by not standing in their driveways.

Head Start Bus Allocations

Parents have been sent their EdSmart slips advising which bus their child has been allocated to for the 2025 Head Start program. Parents are reminded that this is the bus allocation for Head Start only, your bus allocation for 2025 permanent travel will be sent via Edsmart at the end of November.

2025 Private Bus Allocations

Parents will be advised of their child's allocated bus for 2025 travel at the end of November.

End of Term

End of Term 4 dismissal time will be 3.20pm. All buses will operate as per their 2024 timetabled departure times.

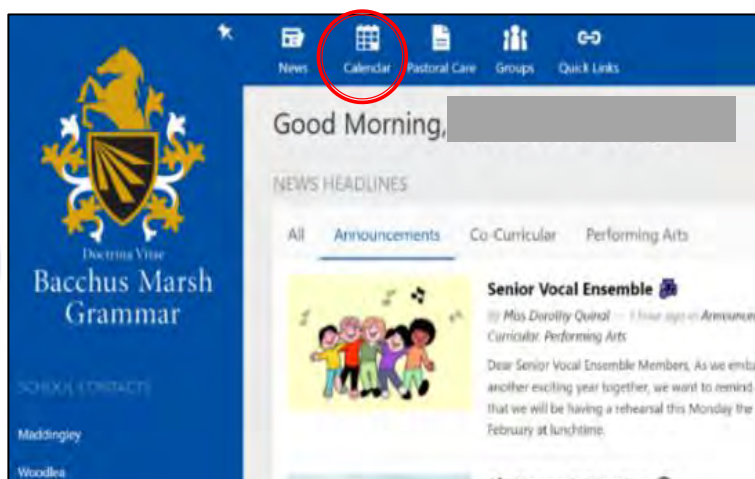
Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

2024 & 2025 Term Dates

Both the 2024 and 2025 Term Dates are published on the [school's website](#).

Events Calendar

All upcoming events feature on the Schoolbox Calendar for both students and parents/guardians to view.



Uniform Shop

Uniform information and shop business hours for both the Maddingley Campus Onsite Shop and Rushfords in Werribee are listed on the [school's website](#).

Please note that uniforms can also be purchased online via <https://www.noone.com.au/>.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – The Y Ballarat

The Y Ballarat operates the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

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0490 490 362



The Y OSHC Management team wish to advise the closure of all OSHC programs on **Friday 29 November 2024**. This will include all Before School Care and Afterschool Care programs. All OSHC educators will be attending a full day of Professional Development training. Normal Before School Care and After School Care sessions will resume on Monday the 2nd of December 2024.

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Community News

Aintree Sport



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GIANT!

THE AINTREE GIANTS WANT YOU!!!

LOOKING TO PLAY AFL?

**LOOKING TO MEET NEW
FRIENDS?**

**LOOKING TO TAKE YOUR GAME
TO A NEW LEVEL?**



The Mighty Aintree GIANTS are on the hunt for Under 8's to Under 12's players for the 2025 Season.

We will hold free come and try sessions in November and February, please visit our website and social media pages for dates and times.



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UNDER 10'S | UNDER 12'S
UNDER 10'S GIRLS | UNDER 12'S GIRLS**



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WE WANT YOU!

JUNIOR NETBALLERS

**SEEKING GIRLS TO JOIN THE COBRAS IN
2025.**

**Come and join the
Bacchus Marsh Football & Netball
Club**

**Under 11 Boys &
Girls needed for
Under 11 netball!!**

**If you are born after
2012 we want you for
our Under 13,15 & 17
teams!**

Enquiries or more info contact:

Meaghan Nixon: 0418 140 925

Matt Ruddick: 0427 429 012

mnixon@bmfnc.com.au



GIRLS PLAYERS & COACHES WANTED



COME JOIN US

BMSC is on the hunt for Players & Coaches for the 2025 Season.

To register your interest, please contact the club via our social media pages, or via email.

bacchusmarshscorpions@hotmail.com

We are currently running our Summer Social Soccer Program and invite players old and new to join us.

Day / Night	Group	Start Time	Year of Birth	2025 Season will Play in
Monday	U8s	6:30pm	2017	Under 8s - Girls
	U10s		2015 / 2016	Under 10s - Girls
	U12s		2013 / 2014	Under 12s - Girls
	U14s		2011 / 2012	Under 14s - Girls

