



# Maribyrnong Sports Academy Application and Selection Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I apply?

Applications for entry into MSA for Year 7 and Year 9 are submitted through our [website](#) where you will be prompted through the process.

We accept [expressions of interest](#) for entry into Year 8, 10, 11 & 12.

## When do I need to submit my application?

Applications must be for students who wish to attend the college the following year (ie. Current Grade 6 students going into Year 7) with deadlines posted on the [Sports Academy website](#).

We do not offer mid-year intake or accept applications outside of our advertised application periods.

## Is there an application fee?

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$100 which applies to all applications. This must be paid to process your application.

## Can I apply for more than one sport?

You may apply for a maximum of two sports if your child is applying for entry into Year 7 and participating at a high level for both sports. An invitation to trial for a second preference sport is by invitation only at the selection team's discretion.

You may only apply for one sport at all other year levels due to the limited number of places and the very high standard of applicants (Generally State or National representation).

## Do I need to list Maribyrnong College on the Year 7 Transition Form?

If you are applying for a place in the sports academy, you do not need to list Maribyrnong College as a preference on the Year 7 Transition Form. If your child does receive a scholarship offer for the sports academy, you will then need to notify your primary school that you wish to amend the transition form and include Maribyrnong College as your first preference.

Please note that you will list Maribyrnong College and not Maribyrnong Sports Academy on the form. (MSA is a program that operates within Maribyrnong College)

You would only list Maribyrnong College on the transition form if you plan on enrolling your child as a mainstream student at the college (non-sports academy)

## What tests are done on the physical testing day so that I can help my child prepare?

The undisclosed physical tests include general power, speed (running) and anthropometric testing, a cognitive processing/decision making test, as well as sport specific testing and drills. There is no specific training and preparation required.

### **How many trials will there be?**

Applicants are invited to attend a physical testing day plus between 1-3 selection trials for the sport that they have applied for.

### **What does my child wear to the trial?**

Sport appropriate clothing that they can run and move freely such as a t-shirt, shorts/tracksuit pants and sneakers. You may also be required to wear sports-specific clothing and bring equipment depending on the sport that you have applied for and this will be outlined on your trial invitation. (Eg: cricket bat, football boots, tennis racquet)

### **What if my child cannot attend a trial or testing day due to illness or injury, school camp, or family disruption?**

When you receive your trial invitation, please reply to the email indicating the trial date that your child cannot attend, and the reason why your child is unable to attend. We will do our best to accommodate an alternative trial date or solution.

### **What is the selection criteria?**

Selection is based not only on existing talent, but also their potential for development in high performance sport as well as the suitability for the balance between sport and academic performance, effort and behaviour.

Individual circumstances will be considered however the below criteria is used as a guideline for the academic selection criteria:

- Achieving a B grade academic average with academic progress indicators at the upper end for their year level.
- Academic effort high (no comments or indicators showing poor or unsatisfactory academic effort)
- Behavioural indicators at good or above.
- High school attendance levels (80%+)

### **When do we find out if my child has received an offer?**

You will receive an email to the email address provided on your application form advising of the outcome. Offers for Year 7 are made before the end of Term 2. Offers for Year 9 are made in Term 4.

The outcome is final and not subject to appeal.

### **Will I receive feedback?**

It is school policy that we do not offer any individual feedback regarding selection trials or applications.

### **Can I defer my offer?**

We do not accept deferment of a place offered.

### **If my child does not receive an offer, can we reapply?**

Yes, if a child is unsuccessful, you are welcome to apply or express interest again in subsequent years. We do not have a waitlist.