



ST MICHAEL'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
*"Be it known to all who
enter here that CHRIST is the
reason for this school"*



Football at St Michael's Catholic School 2020 *3rd February 2020*

Player registrations for Football 2020 are already open and **close on Monday 24th February** so it is time for us to start making plans for the season! Registering after this date is subject to availability.

St Michael's has a number of football teams, usually at least one per grade. It is a fun and enjoyable team sport and playing with friends from school is a great way to get involved.

At St Michael's we are affiliated with the Tamaki League at Ellerslie Football Club which has excellent grounds (all weather turf) based at Michael's Ave in Ellerslie. Under 6 to 8's grades will play all games here (note that AFF have made minor grade name changes and is shown in the table below) Under 9's will have home and away games with two other local clubs. **Any student wishing to play for a St Michael's School team first registers with Ellerslie Football Club and they are then allocated to a St Michael's school team.**

Games are on a Saturday morning from 8.30am and can run up to later morning. A short team practice is usually during the week before school (as arranged by your SMCS team coach).

In 2020 St Michael's will enter teams in the Saturday morning Under 6 – 9's (U6 – U9) – grades are based on the year your child was born

Grade *	Birth Dates	Gender	No of players in teams
Under 6's	1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014	Mixed/Girls	5 v 5 - no GK (squad of 6 or 7)
Under 7's	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013	Mixed/Girls	5 v 5 - no GK (squad of 6 or 7)
Under 8's	1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012	Mixed/Girls	5 v 5 - no GK (squad of 6 or 7)
Under 9's	1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011	Mixed /Girls	7 v 7 - with GK (squad of 8 or 9)

U9 Children

2 options available - they can continue to play for SMCS in the Tamaki league or trial and be graded into an Ellerslie team to play in the Auckland Football league against other clubs. Trials are held mid February (refer to Ellerslie Football website) - please note the second option is not affiliated with SMCS and all training will happen at Ellerslie.

Girls only options

The club also offers the opportunity for girls only teams which is one of the fastest growing parts of the club. Traditionally St Michael's girls have joined mixed teams to play for the school. If your daughter is really keen to play girls only, the options are to recruit fellow class mates or join a club based team.

For new entrants (children born in 2015) the club does have an U5's grade league which runs on a Friday afternoon. Please do contact us and let us know if you are considering this as sometimes there is room in a U6's grade school team (although this does mean playing with older children born in 2014).

The first round of matches for all Junior and Youth teams will be on Saturday the 4th of April and ends late August and games run first and last weekends of the school holidays. Please note with Easter this year there will be a 3 week break and games resume 2nd May.

Emphasis is on participation, fun, enjoyment and the team environment. Games are competitive but no league tables are maintained for Under 6 to 9's in the Tamaki league. Teams are streamed mid season based on the number and margin of victories in an attempt to ensure matches are as even as possible in the second half of the season.

The Ellerslie Football Club has an excellent website - <http://www.ellersliefootball.org.nz> and also runs holiday training sessions and mini-tournaments. Do check out this site for any further information.

In order to organise teams this year, we must have coaches and managers for all teams. **Please help to create a school team by indicating how you can help** (you will be asked during the online registration process). **The Club runs specialised training sessions for new coaches and managers**, and supports coaches who wish to up skill through various training programs run both internally and by the parent Federation.

Once you have enrolled we will be in touch about team allocation but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. Please read the instructions below on the enrolment process before enrolling in order to make the team formation process run smoothly.

Please email us with any queries – smcsfootball@gmail.com

Your school co-ordinators are - Julia Glennie and Paula Donnelly

How to enrol (or find further information) – enrol by Monday 24th February

Go to <http://www.ellersliesoccer.org.nz/>

Click on 2020 Player Registration

There is a lot of info to read (much of it printed here already).

When are you enrolling there are 2 very important boxes to aid us with making up school teams.

School Please enter **St Michael's Catholic School and your year and room number**. By entering the school your information is directed to us and you can be included in a school team.

Friends I'd like in my team **Do complete this box if there is a particular friend you would like to have in your team.** We do our best to match up these requests and balance teams amongst year groups and classes. If you have any particular concerns please do contact us. Once teams are finalised we are unable to make changes and please remember we are volunteers trying to do the best for all children. Please do your best to help by providing any relevant information.

FURTHER INFO

Players need to have the following items of their own:

Boots, Gold Socks (available from most sports shops), Shin pads (players who are not wearing shin pads will not be permitted to play)

St Michael's team players wear their school PE shorts and are issued a school football shirt for the season.

Subscriptions (Registration Fees)

Grade	Full Fee	Early Bird Discount*	Early Bird Fee	Handling Fee **
U6 – U9's	\$195.00	\$20.00	\$175.00	\$10.00

A second, and each subsequent, junior or youth member of the same family qualifies for a 10% discount on subscriptions.

* Applies only if full payment made on or before midnight on Monday 24th February 2019

** Applies to all payments not made through our online system or by internet banking.