



Flyers **SPORT**

PROGRAM

Born to fly upwards

St Margaret's understands the commitment and dedication it takes to achieve great things. The Flyers Program supports our outstanding scholars, athletes and musicians to follow their passion, while successfully balancing all other aspects of their education. Students are accepted into the Sports Flyers Program through an application process.

The Sports Flyers Program mentors developing and outstanding athletes to achieve their academic and sporting goals through customised learning options and elite athlete development opportunities. The program is aimed at students in Years 7 to 10, although senior students can also apply to access these opportunities.



Participation Requirements: Standards and Commitment

To ensure all participants can benefit fully from this program, and for consistency, particular standards and commitment are required for entry into this program.

- Students applying for the program will need to have evidence/proof that they are performing at an exceptional sporting level
- Students are a state or national representative or on a high-performance pathway to state or national level representation
- Students can provide evidence of significant hours of training per week in selected sport
- Student-athletes must demonstrate an ongoing high level of commitment towards their academic studies to maintain their position in the program
- Entry into the Flyers Program is reviewed annually for athletes

Once accepted into the program, ongoing involvement requires a commitment to the following responsibilities:

Responsibilities of Students

- Appropriate effort, engagement and application in academic studies
- Role model excellent behaviour when representing the school
- A willingness to play sport or represent the school during the calendar year when time permits
- Commit to all opportunities/benefits of being a Sports Flyer during the school year

Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians

- Assist where needed to encourage communication between school and coaches/clubs
- Support information sessions and workshops for students that are provided as part of the Sports Flyers Program
- Provide information to school in relation to students sporting commitments and achievements
- Be willing to work with the school to balance sport and academic commitments, knowing that sometimes flexibility may be required for a short period of time

Following approval of application, both students and parents/guardians will sign a letter of agreement accepting these responsibilities.

Sports Flyers Benefits

On acceptance, a bespoke program will be devised (in conjunction with the Deputy Principal and Sports Flyers Mentor) which may include some or all of the following benefits.

Mentoring

Mentoring will be provided through several channels:

- Academic Advising (Sports Flyers may form an Academic Advising group)

- Students will buddy with other Sports Flyers
- Flyer Mentor Check In: Focusing on academic and sporting workloads and time management

Access to Specialist Services

Students will have access to the following school services:

- Workload mapping and goal setting sessions
- Strength and conditioning sessions
- Academic review each semester
- School Psychologist

Academic Assistance

Options for academic assistance may include:

- Independent Study Option (ILO)
- Assessment extensions
- Tutorial support
- Internal Exam rescheduling

Sports Flyers Gatherings (minimum two per year)

Guest speakers and key St Margaret's staff will host breakfasts and workshops on topics which may include time management, coping with change, mindfulness, sleep hygiene, injury prevention and management and post school pathways.

Sports Flyer Recognition

Sports Flyers will be recognised and celebrated on the Flyers POD page and through other school communication channels.

Sports Flyers Application Timelines

To apply for Sports Flyers, students must submit a Flyers Application Form and provide a Reference Letter (both available on the POD or the school website) by the due dates below.

To ensure adequate planning for each participant, applications for Sports Flyers will only be accepted once per semester.

| Year | Semester Applying for Flyers Program | Application Closes | Outcome of Application |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2026 | Semester 1 | Term 1. End of Week 2, 2026 | Term 1. End of Week 4, 2026 |
| | Semester 2 | Term 2. End of Week 8, 2026 | Term 2. End of Week 10, 2026 |
| 2027 | Semester 1 | Term 4. End of Week 7, 2026 | Term 4. End of Week 9, 2026 |
| | Semester 2 | Term 2. End of Week 8, 2026 | Term 2. End of Week 10, 2026 |

For further information about the Flyers Program for athletes, please contact St Margaret's Director of Sport, Anne Louise Williams via email awilliams@stmargarets.qld.edu.au or phone 3862 0737.

Flyers Application Process

Request a Flyers Application Form and Reference letter template from Director of Sport

Return completed form to Director of Sport

Application is assessed by Flyers Committee

Flyer is informed of outcome

Deputy Principal creates bespoke program with Sports Flyer Mentor

Starter meeting with Sports Flyer Mentor