

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Before lodging the application please check the following are included:

- Talented Football Program Application form
- Application to enrol in a NSW Government school
- Your child's Year 5 NAPLAN test result
- Your child's TWO most recent school reports
- Certificates of achievement or participation
- OPTIONAL – References from current or past coaches.

You will also need to provide:

- Copy of birth certificate, passport, Citizenship Certificate or travel documents
- Immunisation record
- Proof of Address (electricity bill as a minimum requirement)

Please submit all documentation in the folder supplied. If you have downloaded the application from the school website, please obtain a folder from the school office and complete before lodging your application. (Do not use plastic sleeves)

PLEASE NOTE: If you miss the deadline for this application, you are still permitted to submit the application. However, this will be taken to the Talented Football Program (TFP) selection committee.

IMPORTANT DATES 2024

	Boys Trial Dates	Girls Trial Dates	Venue
Applications Close	Friday 31 May		
Trial Session 1	Thursday 20 June 3.15 – 5.00pm	Friday 21 June 3.15 – 5.00pm	School oval
Trial Session 2	Thursday 27 June 3.15 – 5.00pm	Friday 28 June 3.15 – 5.00pm	School oval
Trial 3 (if required)	Monday 1 July 3.15 – 5.00pm	Tuesday 2 July 3.15 – 5.00pm	School oval

Other TFP trials or events may be necessary throughout the year. Applicants will be notified by email.

Advised of outcome - July/August 2024.

Please direct any enquiries to Joe Haywood, Head Coach, Talented Football Program, Bossley Park High School.

Email: joseph.haywood@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 02 9823 1033

How to apply

Step 1: Read the application information carefully.

Step 2: Complete an application.

Step 3: Lodge your completed application to the school office of Bossley Park High School by **1pm on Friday 31 May 2024**.

Step 4: Ensure that your child attends the required trial dates. The dates are published on the previous page.

Step 5: Expect to receive the outcome of your application in **July/August 2024**.

Communication

All correspondence and telephone advice is provided to the primary parent(s) or carers indicated on the application.

This parent or carer is usually the parent living with the child. Ensure you complete the family contact details.

All correspondence will be sent using this information. Information cannot be provided to any person who is not listed on the application form as a parent/carers.

No correspondence or telephone conversations will be conducted directly with students.

Email

The school will send correspondence by email.

Note: *All communication about the application is conducted with parents/carers. Do not supply a student's email address.*

Change of application details

Please inform the school by phone or email if there is a change in details such as your child's name, postal address, email address or school. You should also inform the school by phone or email if you want to withdraw your application.

Note: *Changes of application details will not be accepted over the telephone.*

Criteria for the placement of students

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria for your application to proceed:

- students must be Australian citizens or holder of an appropriate visa (birth certificate and, if necessary, further evidence of student citizenship is required at time of application)
- high level of athletic ability
- good technical ability
- proficiency in tactical understanding
- high levels of self-discipline
- good leadership qualities
- students from non-government primary schools may also apply
- further proof of address may be required at a later date

Attachments

Applicants must provide a portfolio documenting their educational achievements.

Attachments that should be included:

- Two most recent school reports
- School-specific merit or behaviour certificates
- Copies of the State or National tests such as NAPLAN

Other attachments may include

- Certificates of achievements in football
- Certificates from state-wide competitions
- Supporting information where students are outside the normal age range

Where further information is necessary the selection committee may approach the current primary school or request further information from parents.

Note: *Attachments should be A4 one-sided copies.*

PLEASE DO NOT ASK YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TEACHER (OR PRINCIPAL) TO WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. AS PART OF THE PROCESS THE PANEL WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IF REQUIRED.

Illness or misadventure

If unforeseen circumstances such as illness or injury prevents your child from participating in the trials or from doing his or her best, you should make a request for special consideration of illness/misadventure.

In situations other than illness, it is generally better to attend the trial where possible and make an illness/misadventure request afterwards.

All requests must be emailed to Mr Joe Haywood, Head Coach, Talented Football Program (joseph.haywood@det.nsw.edu.au) as close to the trial as possible. Please include supporting documentary evidence such as a medical certificate with your request. Parents will be notified of the outcome of an illness/misadventure request within fourteen (14) days.

Students who miss the trial for unavoidable reasons such as illness may be considered to trial at a later date.

Selection committees

A selection committee for the Talented Football Program (TFP) will meet to choose students. The selection committee will consist of Mr Joe Haywood, Mr Geoff Stanmore, Mr Julian Lepore, Ms Patty Charalambous and Ms Karoline Curic, R/Deputy Principal TFP.

All placement decisions are made by the selection committee convened for this program.

Outcome of application

Outcome advice

- The school will send you advice by email in **July/August 2024** confirming whether your child is being offered a place and / or has been placed on a reserve list and / or has been unsuccessful.
- Feedback will not be provided at any stage of the trial process.

Hold

In some cases students might not be sent outcome advice at the same time as the rest of the candidates. These students' applications could be placed on hold while the selection committee carries out further investigation and enquiries usually related to any extenuating circumstances.

Response to offers

If you receive an offer you must complete the response form and return it no later than seven days after the date of the offer. Some late offers will be made by telephone and these will usually require responses within 24 hours.

The school may assume that the offer has been declined if you do not respond by the due date. If you accept an offer and later change your mind you should let the school know immediately in writing, so that the next eligible applicant can be offered the place.

Late offers

Parents whose children are on reserve lists will be offered a place if their position on a reserve list is reached.

These offers can be made at any time from **July 2024 until December 2024**.

Appeals

You may appeal against the decision of the selection committee if you feel there were special factors which might have prevented the student from performing to his/her ability during the trial.

All appeals must be *emailed to the school email address* (bossleypk-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) – *Attention Mr Chris Hollis, Principal* no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of the initial notification. Documentary evidence should accompany the appeal wherever relevant.

If the student's trial performance was likely to have been affected by illness, the school should have been notified as part of the illness/misadventure process. Appeals based on illness will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and all such appeals must include a medical certificate covering the day of the trial.

If you are appealing on other grounds, you should include evidence to support your appeal.

Parents will be advised of the outcome of the appeal within fourteen (14) days.

Late application

Late applications will not generally be considered except where there are extenuating circumstances.

The selection committee will decide whether or not the late application will be considered. If the selection committee accepts the reason for the late application, an alternative trial date will be advised.

Enquiries

Enquiries can be directed to Mr Joe Haywood, (Head Coach, Talented Football Program) at the email address or phone number shown at the beginning of this document.

The BPHS Gifted and Talented Football Program is dedicated to providing a learning environment to maximise the football education of junior and youth players in order to assist them in attaining their goals of reaching an elite level within a variety of football career paths.

The course is designed to educate and challenge student athletes in all aspects involved within the world of football. A specific focus is on the technical and tactical components of the game with sessions designed to create a competitive, as opposed to competition, environment. Other areas covered include refereeing, coaching, media, sport science and event management.

Bossley Park High School has employed a full-time football coach to support the Talented Football Program who works with highly qualified and accredited teaching staff.

The practical program is based around exercises instead of drills. These allow the players to develop the process of performing technique whilst making decisions. Thus the main aim is at increasing the players speed of thought by developing their technical ability.

In addition to the educational portfolio review, students will undertake a minimum of two trial sessions.

During the two trial sessions student athletes will partake in small-sided games. From this they will be assessed on the following:

- technical ability
- tactical understanding
- speed of thought, especially with regards to transition speed
- self-discipline and leadership qualities

Student athletes will then have their academic reports scrutinised for ability to learn, motivation to work towards objectives and behaviour in the learning environment.

Although academic performance is not critical, positive attitude towards learning in all curriculum areas is expected. Student athletes will be selected based on their performance in each of the three selection stages.

Clothing

Students need to wear appropriate sporting attire including boots and shin-pads as well as bring their own drink bottle.

Photographs

One (1) passport size photograph will be required on the day of the trial. Each photograph should have the name of the student clearly printed on the back. The photograph will help the trial panel identify each student. Photographs are not able to be returned.

Gifted and Talented Expectations of the Talented Football Program

TFP (Soccer) EXPECTATION

Year 7

The Talented Football Program is run in the allocated Sport period on the student's timetable.

Identified students will take part in the Football competitions organised.

Students may be expected to train before or after school as decided throughout the year.

Year 8–10

Students are expected to study the PASS elective that is designed for the TFP student.

Year 11 and 12

Students have the opportunity to elect the senior course Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation to continue their studies in TFP.

Please note: Students may be expected to train before or after school as decided throughout the year.

Enrolment of Out of Area Siblings

In line with the Department of Education enrolment policy it is not possible for our school to offer a placement for any other siblings who reside out of the school's intake area. An offer of placement in the Talented Football Program is made on this understanding. Please consider this before you proceed with accepting an offer.

Further information on the Department's Enrolment of Students in New South Wales Government Schools policy, is available on the Department's internet site at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.