



Blackwatch Sports Club

The Blackwatch Sports Club offers a range of sports for students to get involved in a team. There are teams for tennis, volleyball, swimming, cheerleading, dance, touch rugby, netball, hockey, diving, soccer and basketball.

PLC is a member of the Independent Girls School Sports Association (IGSSA) and, as such, we enter teams for each sport in this competition throughout the year.

The number of teams that can be entered in IGSSA by a school is determined by the eight Member Schools and with PLC having a strong tradition of participation we have found that a number of students have missed out on selection into a team.

In response to parent and student feedback, the Physical Education Department has been exploring ways of offering more of our girls opportunities to participate in co-curricular sport.

The Blackwatch Sports Club was created to offer students who either miss out on IGSSA selection or wish to pursue an alternative pathway to IGSSA sports an opportunity to regularly participate in a PLC organised sports activity.

We launched the Blackwatch Sports Club for Year 7 and 8 students in 2016 with Year 9 and 10 students included in 2017. Year 11 and 12 students will be accommodated in 2018.

Each term we offer a Blackwatch option for each of the IGSSA sports to enable students who have missed selection or are new to the sport an opportunity to develop their skills and game understanding to work towards IGSSA selection in future years.

In addition, non-IGSSA sports and activities are offered each term as part of the Blackwatch Club to allow students an opportunity to try something new and provide a greater range of sporting options at PLC.

Prior to each term students will be required to select their sport preferences. Once IGSSA team trials have been completed, all students who would like to participate are allocated according to their preferences.

Involvement in IGSSA sport and the Blackwatch Sports Club requires that all students demonstrate a high level of commitment and positive attitude to being the best they can be. Attendance is taken for each session and collated to determine eligibility for sports badges at the end of the term.

Some examples of the types of sports opportunities that are being offered through the Blackwatch Sports Club are:

- tennis
- volleyball
- swimming
- cheerleading
- dance,
- touch rugby
- netball
- hockey
- diving
- soccer
- basketball