

ARFA Tryout Guidelines for Selection in 2021

Given the extreme circumstances surrounding 2020, the following will be used as criteria for Charles Campbell College's Special Entry Australian Rules Program.

We **cannot** offer physical tryouts this year due to social distancing. Online applications, interviews and referee statements will determine who is selected for the academy in 2021.

As with previous years we are looking for boys and girls with a background as either keen club footballers, or as talented athletes keen to learn Australian Football.

Overall Criteria

These criteria, not in order, will be used to select the best applicants.

1. Currently playing club Football &/or talented sports person
2. Satisfactory Fitness level – as guided by physical referee
3. Satisfactory Skill Base –as guided by physical referee
4. Report Cards from 2019 – supplied with application
5. Character Reference – supplied by a teacher through referee call

The following criteria form the basis of questions we will ask the physical referees:

- General athleticism and co-ordination
- Experience in Australian Rules Football or other team sports
- Size and suitability for certain roles in a team
- Fitness level
- Work ethic and coachability
- Understanding of what makes a 'team player'

A successful candidate will also provide a recent school report. The report, together with a referee statement around the following criteria from a classroom teacher, will form the final section of the application:

- Willingness to put effort into academic work
- High level of attendance
- Commitment to school values
- Respectful behavior towards peers and school staff

We will make a holistic judgement, based on all elements of the process, as to the young person's suitability for the Australian Rules Football Academy at Charles Campbell College in 2021.

Thankyou for your application,

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