

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC) is nine months away and Toowoomba Grammar is looking to take several teams to compete in this event in Melbourne. The AVSC involves over 130 schools from Australia and New Zealand and is the largest school age competition in the southern hemisphere with over 500 teams competing. Our participation in this competition will provide excellent pre-season preparation for our boys and is open to all boys who play Volleyball at school. This letter aims to provide information for parents and to call for player involvement.

We will be in Melbourne for six nights, Sunday, 3 December through to Saturday, 9 December 2016, flying directly to and from Toowoomba. The teams will be staying at Queen's College at The University of Melbourne. This arrangement sees each boy in individual rooms with buffet breakfast and dinner provided daily in the grand dining room. After arriving by charter bus from the airport to the opening ceremony we will be using the excellent public transport network to get to and from games and to enjoy some sightseeing in Melbourne.

Efforts are underway to attract business sponsorship for this tour in an attempt to reduce the cost for all of the boys. We will also be conducting fundraising activities which the boys will be expected to assist with. I am happy to hear from parents who have suggestions of what we could do to assist in reducing the cost of this endeavour. The cost of this trip is expected to be approximately \$1,300 per participant.

To confirm your son's position in this event, please complete the attached sheet with a deposit of \$600. I understand that this is early, however, the earlier we can confirm our flight numbers, the cheaper the flights will be, usually by several hundred dollars. Also included is a medical form to be completed and returned by Friday, 6 March 2017. Please note that once payment has been made, no refund will be given on withdrawal unless the subsequent vacancy is filled by another player. Should the School's involvement in the competition be cancelled, then a partial refund will apply, minus booking fees for flights.

Payments are to be made via the Toowoomba Grammar webpage, by selecting the Community tab and then TGS Event Registration & Payment.

The direct link is: <http://www.twgs.qld.edu.au/community/event-regpayments>

>> Select Group = Tours

>> Select Event = AVSC Melbourne 2017

>> Complete required information and follow prompts for payment.

\* Please Note: a credit card surcharge of 0.8% will apply but there is an option to register your bank account for direct debit (no fee)  
**IMPORTANT!!!** Please do not make payments using BPay, as these will go toward school fees.

Thank you for your continued support of Volleyball at Toowoomba Grammar School. If you have any queries regarding the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup competition please feel free to contact me via email: [b.sawyer@twgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:b.sawyer@twgs.qld.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,

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