

S4S ACADEMY HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS INFORMATION PACK 2026

FC MELBOURNE X S4S ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP



S4S Academy is proud to partner with **FC Melbourne** to deliver a high-performance football academy focused on long-term player development. This collaboration brings together FC Melbourne's strong community foundation and S4S's elite training methodology to create a pathway for young players to grow technically, tactically, and mentally.

Together, we are building a player-first environment where development, character, and excellence are at the core of everything we do.

Through this partnership, players receive access to:

- A YEAR-ROUND TRAINING AND MATCH PROGRAM
- PROFESSIONAL COACHING STAFF WITH ELITE-LEVEL EXPERIENCE
- OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE IN TOURNAMENTS, TOURS, AND INTER-ACADEMY MATCHES
- A CLEAR DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY ALIGNED WITH SENIOR FOOTBALL AND REPRESENTATIVE LEVELS

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PETER SAWAN – DIRECTOR S4S ACADEMY



Peter Sawan is the **Founder and Director of S4S Academy**, a leading football development program dedicated to technical excellence and long-term player growth. A former **elite-level player** with a successful junior and senior career, Peter brings deep on-field experience to his coaching and leadership.

Under his direction, S4S has grown to deliver high-quality, age-specific training programs across Melbourne, including the elite academy teams at Chelsea FC and Riversdale Soccer Club. Through a **player-first approach** and a **proven development model**, Peter and his team have built a strong reputation for producing technically skilled and tactically smart footballers.

Peter continues to drive the academy's growth through partnerships, coach mentoring, and a clear vision of player development that focuses on **individual improvement** and **team excellence**.

AGE GROUPS 2025/26

THE ACADEMY WILL INCLUDE:

- **BOYS & GIRLS: U7S TO U13S**
- **POTENTIAL FOR MULTIPLE TEAMS PER AGE GROUP** (SUBJECT TO MERIT AND CAPACITY)
- TEAM PLACEMENTS ARE **MERIT-BASED**, WITH EXTERNAL PLAYERS WELCOME TO TRIAL.
- ALL TEAMS FOLLOW THE SAME TRAINING FRAMEWORK AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY.

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FOOTBALL PROGRAM & METHODOLOGY

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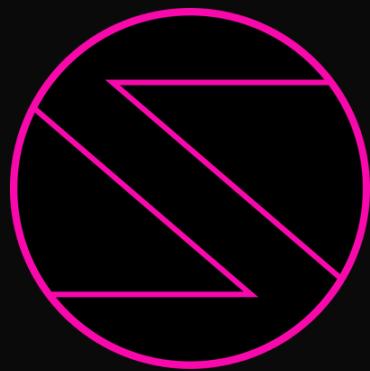
THE ACADEMY OPERATES **YEAR-ROUND** AND INCLUDES:

- 2 X 1-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS PER WEEK (**COMPULSORY**)
- WEEKLY MATCH DAYS DURING THE FOOTBALL VICTORIA (FV) SEASON
- MINIMUM 3 COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS ANNUALLY
- INTRA-ACADEMY GAMES FOR MATCH AWARENESS AND POSITIONAL UNDERSTANDING
- GOALKEEPER TRAINING EMBEDDED IN THE PROGRAM

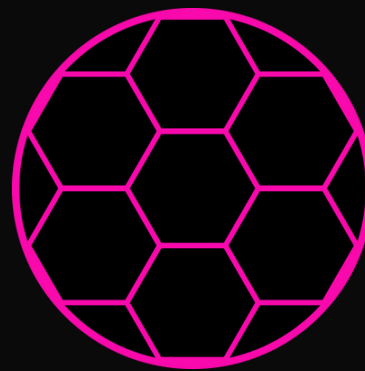
S4S METHODOLOGY

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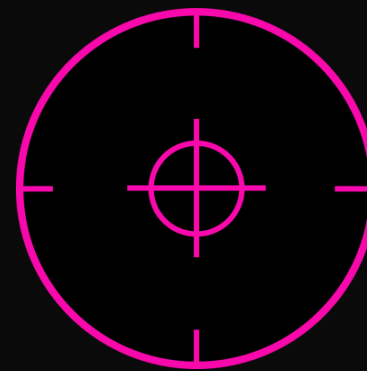
OUR TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK IS BUILT AROUND **FOUR CORE ACTIONS**:



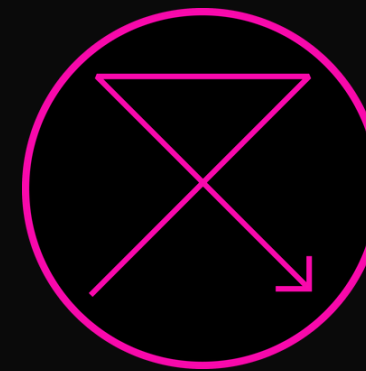
MOVE



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We develop these skills through structured, game-relevant training that incorporates **Football Australia's national curriculum**, advanced S4S methods, and innovative learning environments.

Players are fast-tracked under the guidance of **qualified Technical Directors and elite coaches**.

COACH CALIBRE

OUR COACHING TEAM INCLUDES:

- UEFA PRO LICENSE COACHES
- FORMER PROFESSIONALS FROM **MANCHESTER CITY** AND **MELBOURNE CITY**
- **WORLD CUP-LEVEL FEMALE PLAYERS** FROM NEW ZEALAND
- FORMER TECHNICAL DIRECTORS, **NPL HEAD COACHES**, AND CONTRIBUTORS TO **FOOTBALL VICTORIA'S COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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PLAYER PATHWAYS & OPPORTUNITIES

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PLAYERS SELECTED INTO THE ACADEMY ARE PART OF A **LONG-TERM** PATHWAY THAT INCLUDES:

- PROGRESSION INTO **SENIOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS**
- OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE INTO **NPL AND REPRESENTATIVE SQUADS**
- PARTICIPATION IN 'CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE' SQUADS FROM U7–U13, WITH POTENTIAL FOR:
 - INTERNATIONAL TOURS
 - DOMESTIC SHOWCASE TOURNAMENTS
 - INTER-ACADEMY SELECT TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

THE ACADEMY YEAR

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TRIALS

For Season 2025/6, trials will occur from **mid-September** (after the FV season) and avoid school holidays.

SEASON STRUCTURE

The Academy operates on a term-based cycle from **October to September**. Breaks include 1 week per school holiday + Christmas period.

mid-September

October - December

January - March

April - June

July - September

TRIALS

TERM 4

TERM 1

TERM 2

TERM 3

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TOURNAMENTS

The 2026 program is in development and tailored by team.

PREVIOUS HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- MELBOURNE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT (3 EDITIONS)

FUTURE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION MAY INCLUDE:

- JUNIOR ACADEMY LEAGUE
- JUNIOR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
- YOUTH SUPER CUP

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UNIFORM & MERCHANDISE

Uniforms are purchased through FC Melbourne.
Additional Academy merchandise available
for purchase

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UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS (ADDITIONAL COST):

TRAINING KIT:

Black top, shorts, socks, ¼ zip (sponsor supplied)



GAME DAY KIT:

White top, shorts, socks (plus black clash top for U12+)



CLASH TOP



PLAYER SUPPORT & WELFARE

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Our players are supported on and off the field.
This includes:

- **STRENGTH & CONDITIONING** PROGRAMS
- EMBEDDED VALUES AROUND **RESPECT, GROWTH, AND RESILIENCE**
- COACH : PLAYER **1 : 1 DEVELOPMENT** MEETINGS
- IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO **SPORTS REHABILITATION** THROUGH OUR PARTNER:
OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE REHAB
OWNER: MARCUS SAWAN
 - PRIORITY ACCESS AND DISCOUNTED RATES FOR ALL ACADEMY PLAYERS
 - INJURY CONSULTATIONS AND ONGOING MANAGEMENT

EXPECTATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT

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We expect all players and families to support the culture of professionalism, growth, and unity.



EXPECTATIONS:

- CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE
- PROMPT COMMUNICATION
- FULL PARTICIPATION (TOURNAMENTS, TRAININGS, EVENTS)
- RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR
- USE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS (STACK TEAM APP, WHATSAPP, EMAIL)
- PUNCTUALITY AND COMMITMENT

Missed sessions without reason may impact game time or ongoing selection
Time off requires 3 months' notice, unless injury-related

2025-26 FEES OVERVIEW

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FEES CATEGORY	DETAILS
FC MELBOURNE REGISTRATION FEES	30% DEPOSIT DUE UPON ACCEPTANCE. BALANCE PAYABLE VIA PAYMENT PLAN BY 1ST MAY 2026 .
S4S ACADEMY COACHING FEES	50% DUE UPON ACCEPTANCE. REMAINING 50% DUE BY 1 MARCH 2026 .
UNIFORMS	PAID IN FULL UPON ACCEPTANCE.
FV REGISTRATION FEES	PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO FOOTBALL VICTORIA IN JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2026 .
TOURNAMENT FEES	ADVISED TEAM-BY-TEAM , BASED ON PARTICIPATION AND COMPETITION LEVEL.

Refunds are considered on a **case-by-case basis** upon direct application to the Academy team.
A **10% sibling discount** applies to coaching fees for each additional sibling.

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FAQ

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Can I request my child to be with their friend?

No. Coaches place players in teams that best suit their development, growth and enjoyment.

What happens if my child is injured during the season?

We'll assess the situation with the family and develop a plan that supports both rehab and development.

Can my child re-trial later if not selected now?

Possibly. If a spot opens during the year or there's another intake, players may be invited to trial again.

How are team placements decided?

Placements are based on:

- Technical ability
 - Tactical understanding
 - Attitude & coachability
 - Commitment & training ethic
 - Potential for growth
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