



8 February 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **PERMISSION TO PLAY RUGBY UNION**

The purpose of this letter is to seek your permission for your son/daughter to play Rugby Union for the School.

The reasons for this affirmation include:

- You being aware of the injury risks associated with the game of Rugby Union, a body contact sport;
- You acknowledge that your son/daughter will be playing matches at the School and at other venues around the Region and State;
- You give permission for your son/daughter to be transported to venues by private vehicle, School bus or coach.

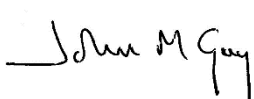
It is the intention that the teacher in charge of Rugby Union or the relevant team's coach will communicate specific game information to you at the appropriate time.

It is envisaged that St John Ambulance or a qualified sports medicine person will be provided at each match involving our students. As well, all coaches are trained in emergency first aid and emergency protocols. Students who do not have private ambulance cover are covered for ambulance transport by the School. It is advised that your son/daughter informs the team coach of any pre-existing injury and how it is managed. It has been mandated that all players must wear mouthguards. Players in the Junior School must wear headgear.

In 2019 students in the Hunter Valley Grammar School Rugby Program will be required to attend mandatory training on a Wednesday afternoon. All the School's Rugby teams will prepare on this day. To enhance the quality of the program, it is essential for players to have a dedicated training shirt. This piece of mandatory attire is available from the Uniform Shop for a cost of between \$30 - \$40. At this stage shirts will be unavailable to junior school students. Parents will be informed when the shirts arrive in the uniform shop.

If there are any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the School. Please direct all such enquiries to the Director of Sport Junior School (Mr Ross Murdoch), Director of Sport Secondary (Mr Tony Burgess) or Rugby Union Co-ordinator (Mr John Guy). Your son/daughter must have a completed permission note before they are permitted to play in a Rugby Union match for the School or take part in trials and training that require body contact.

Yours sincerely



John Guy  
**Rugby Co-ordinator**



Tony Burgess  
**Director of Sport 7 - 12**



Ross Murdoch  
**Director of Sport K - 6**



Brett Blake  
**Director of Administration**

### **Risk Warning**

Hunter Valley Grammar School participates in inter-school sporting activities in which many students, including students from this school, participate.

While Hunter Valley Grammar School takes measures to make the sporting activities as safe as possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events.

Injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a sporting activity, or traveling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions or the actions of others.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases the injury can be life-threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen damaged or destroyed.



Hunter Valley  
Grammar School

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*(Please return permission note to your respective Rugby Coach)*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Group (Senior/Junior School): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the information contained in this permission letter. I acknowledge that my son/daughter will play Rugby Union for the School in 2019. This commitment is to involve:

- Playing a body contact sport with the risk of injury;
- Playing at various venues at and outside the School;
- Travelling to venues outside the School by private car, School bus or hire coach.

I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive appropriate and necessary medical treatment when required.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_