



## **RUPERTSWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

### Vision, Mission, and Values

#### **VISION:**

Rupertswood Football Club is associated with Salesian College Rupertswood and our philosophy is in keeping with the Salesian Charter and the principles espoused by Saint John Bosco (Don Bosco).

Our vision is to maintain Rupertswood Football Club as a pre-eminent, well respected, and successful club that leads in the development of discipline, fitness, sportsmanship, and a strong sense of community spirit both on and off the field, through the members and for players of all age groups.

We strive to be examples of Don Bosco's living charisma - implementing the 'Preventive System' fostering the growth of the whole person in an atmosphere of reasonableness and kindness. We are committed to creating a climate where people know that they are valued

#### **MISSION:**

Coaches, officials, parents and senior players, by example of behaviour, hold an enormous influence over the youth of the local community. The good conduct of all adult participants and playing members is considered mandatory for the privilege of participation with the Club.

The Club seeks to implant in its members, ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage, so that our youths may be finer, stronger and happier people who will grow to be good principled adults, and that our older players may be moral and respectable members of the wider community. This objective will be pursued by providing fully supervised football games on the basis that the attainment of exceptional skills or winning of games is secondary in the growth of present and future citizens and community leaders.

Our mission is to;-

- Promote and develop player participation and parental /guardian involvement to assist players of all age groups in reaching their full potential in life.
- Teach, motivate, encourage and advise young players discipline, fitness and sportsmanship in the environment of football.

- Develop young players skills and coordination in a friendly atmosphere, promote self confidence and discipline across the playing group, and provide older players with a level of competition that encourages them to stay involved with the Club and continue their playing and personal growth.
- Provide an environment for players of all ages to socialise and communicate, giving the players a sense of belonging, self-esteem, independence and the ability to face challenges both on and off the field.
- Foster good citizenship, and community and family spirit both on and off the football field at all times.
- Recognise, respect, foster and promote the unique qualities of Australian Rules football as a sport that assists in continued personal development.

### **KEY VALUES:**

- RFC basis its values on the ethos espoused by the Salesian Society as founded by Don Bosco, giving attention to the common sense aspects of human relationships which involves the ability to understand young people and to dialogue and communicate with them.
- We foster an environment of fun and enjoyment for all players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians and supporters by always encouraging and applauding the efforts of all players, coaches, and officials, and never ridiculing mistakes or losses.
- We encourage an atmosphere of continued learning and skill development for all players and coaches alike. Coaches must have appropriate AFL accreditation and be a registered member of the Australian Football Coaches Association. We aim to ensure coaches have access to the latest aids, support, and continued learning opportunities.
- We believe in developing younger players through rotation both on and off the field to ensure all players are given every chance to not only participate, but to experience different positions over the course of the season, having regard for a players personal and physical attributes. RFC believes winning isn't everything at a Junior level, and recognises that involvement in the competition is healthy for player development and team morale.
- We promote a positive, friendly, healthy image and strongly support the concept of teamwork both on and off the playing field and encourage and welcome parental/guardian and supporter involvement at both team and club level, for players of all ages.
- We recognise the need to maintain a safe environment for all players, official, parents/guardians, supporters and the community.