



Court Grammar School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Andrew Trosic
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Dear Andrew

Thank you for meeting with Ron Dullard and me yesterday about the Draft Shared Use Agreement between Court Grammar and the Shire.

We had originally agreed to making the courts available from 6pm during school Term time. You requested to bring this forward to 5pm. We explained why this was impossible and we have offered to bring it to 5.30 pm.

It may be useful for me to let you know why the first time (6.00pm) was preferred and what we will now have to do to bring it forward:

1. Our school is growing each year along with the development of the shire. In 2023 we will have 930 students rising to an expected 1300+ students in 5-7 years' time. In 2022, 150 of these are 5 and under.
2. To cater for their needs, we have a before and after school care facility on our premises run by Camp Australia. They are required to have access to safe enclosed outdoor space and when they registered our school, the courts were specifically included. They start at 6.30am daily and have many 3–10-year-olds here until 6pm 5 days a week.
3. Given all the Child protection rules we are obliged to follow we are very concerned about strangers on our site while there are such little and vulnerable children still on our grounds. As you would appreciate before and after school care is essential to give our many working parents peace of mind.
4. We are also expected to provide opportunities for afterschool sport to all age groups and Basketball is growing in popularity every year.
5. Over the last few months, we have been delighted to have Ricky Grace commence Basketball lessons for our students and we are in talks about extending this to holiday periods. If this transpires it is our intention to advertise and offer it to young students outside of the school as well.
6. We are finding with more mental health issues, keeping children active is an asset.
7. We belong to a multi school sporting Association and play home and away games. It is impossible for us to predict the schedule even from term to term, let alone year to year. The Co-Ordinator's meet and plan the schedules to work around conflicting and complex school calendars.

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8. We do try to get them off the school grounds by 5.30pm if possible, but it is quite common for this to be later.
9. We also have daily school clubs that are here regularly until 5.30-6pm.
10. On the few days in the school year when we are certain we will need the courts well after 5.30pm for a whole school carnival/event we will use the booking facility available.

We also have recently submitted our development application for the school's aquatic facility, and while it is not part of this Agreement, it is intended to operate as a community facility outside of school usage. We hope this becomes a catalyst to develop swim skills within the shire.

We value working with the Shire to achieve a mutually agreeable shared use outcome. While our preference is for exclusive school use until 6pm, we can make suitable adjustments to bring this forward to 5.30pm. This will provide community access during the school term on weekdays from 5.30pm, affording sports play during all months.

Based on this, we request that Council support the shared use agreement for our hardcourts, with a modified time that permits public use from 5.30pm on school days, instead of 6pm.

With every best wish



Patricia Rodrigues (Ms)
Principal

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