



Alkira  
Secondary College



*Personalised learning for all. Respect for the individual learner.*

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## Information:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The concept of a School Based Umpiring Academy has been successfully operating in metropolitan Melbourne with outstanding success. Feedback from teachers and parents of young people who take on the challenge of umpiring note a positive impact on their levels of confidence, communication and leadership skills.

**Alkira Secondary College has partnered with AFL Victoria to provide students with;**

- a fully supervised, free of charge after hours sport leadership program delivered by trained coaches.
- the opportunity for participants to attain AFL Umpire Accreditation, hours towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award and credit towards VET units.
- the chance for students to develop their skills and earn income by officiating with local umpiring group (South East Juniors) as field umpires.

### **Why a school based umpiring academy?**

- it allows friends and peers to participate together in a fun and challenging environment
- it reduces travel time and the need for transport to and from an external venue
- the academy starts straight after school allowing participants more time with their family or for study during the week
- the goals of the academy are consistent with most schools key objectives, learning and development in a safe, fun and supported environment

Students who exhibit the college values of respect, integrity, care and excellence and wish to umpire in local football competitions on weekends as field umpires will be eligible to apply to join the Academy and be trained and coached once a week at school under the guidance of a trained AFL Victoria Umpires' Coach.

The Academy will commence training in March and continue once a week (after school hours) throughout the season until July. If you have any further inquiries please feel free to contact:

### **Mr. Matthew Roberts**

Domain Leader Health and Physical Education

Head of Alkira AFL Umpiring Academy

[umpiringacademy@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au](mailto:umpiringacademy@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au)

ALKIRA AFL UMPIRING ACADEMY

## Application Process and Checklist:

Request application forms: [umpiringacademy@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au](mailto:umpiringacademy@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au)

1. Year 7 - 12 Alkira AFL Umpiring Academy 2017 Application / Consent Form
2. Supplementary Information Form
3. Copy of applicants 2016 end-of-school report (only if Grade 6 student in 2015)  
OR
4. Letter of recommendation from pastoral care teacher (Year 7 - 12 Alkira student)

All documents must be completed and submitted by **4:00pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017** in hardcopy, placed in an A4 envelop and **hand delivered to front office** or **posted to:**

Mr. Matthew Roberts  
 Head of Alkira AFL Umpiring Academy  
 Alkira Secondary College  
 15 Nurture Avenue  
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## Timeline:

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017:** Application forms available on request: [umpiringacademy@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au](mailto:umpiringacademy@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au) or hardcopy from Mr. Roberts  
 Additional information Alkira Secondary College website: [www.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au](http://www.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au) Click on 'Our School' > 'Special Programs'
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017:** Applications due to front office by 4:00pm
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017:** Fitness testing 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Gym)
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017:** Successful applicants notified, contract signed
- **Early March, 2017:** AFL Umpiring Academy Training commences
- **Late July, 2017:** AFL Umpiring Academy Training concludes
- **August, 2017:** SEJ Umpires Grand Final Eve Presentation Night



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