



COUNTRY WEEK & INNOVATION WEEK 2024

COUNTRY WEEK

Country Week is a sporting carnival held in Perth at the end of Term 2 involving around 50 secondary schools from around the state. Country Week is the pinnacle of our Grammar Hawks Sports clubs seasons. It is a chance for our most skilled athletes in each of our School club sports to represent the School in their sport at a high level. Country Week is seen as a culmination of students representing the School in Grammar Hawks teams over a number of years and experience tells us that it is a very valuable experience for our Senior Students. Working together as a team to build relationships, achieve goals and develop skill and resilience are some of the many benefits of attending Country Week.

Students from Years 10 to 12 are encouraged to nominate for selection in Country Week teams in the following sports: Boys and Girls AFL, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Hockey, Boys Soccer, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Girls Netball, and Debating and Public Speaking. We are also looking at adding Indoor Cricket and Dance for 2024 should we have sufficient interest. Please note that not all teams may eventuate as we will nominate teams only if we have enough student interest.

There are a number of criteria, which students must meet before they will be considered for Country Week selection. **Selection is based on these criteria.**

- Students must be considered by staff to be good ambassadors for the School and their behaviour at School should reflect that they can behave appropriately whilst on Country Week.
- Students must have supported the School's sports program by representing the School teams for a number of years. Selection for the Country Week team should be seen as the culmination of a student's support for the School's sports program.
- Selection for Country Week teams is primarily for students in Years 11 to 12. Year 10 undertake a Work Experience placement during this week but can nominate to be considered for a Country Week team. Year 9 students, who are sports scholarship holders or high performing athletes, may be considered but will be invited by staff outside the nomination process.
- Students must have been regular attendees at the CW preparation training sessions and matches.
- **Students must be available to attend the whole of CW, including the Friday, which is Finals Day.**

There may be occasions when a student, who does not fulfill these criteria entirely, is selected for a Country Week team to ensure that the team has a viable number of students participating. However, this selection should not be at the expense of students who have supported the School's sport program, and can only happen with the approval of Director of Co-Curricular and High Performing Sport, in conjunction with the Director of Students.

COUNTRY WEEK – SELECTION PROCEDURE

Term 1, Week 3 – Students will be asked to nominate for Country Week teams by the Head of Sport. Nominations should only occur after considering the above criteria. Coaches will consider nominations and have discussions with students where necessary. Students who are unlikely to make the team of their first preference will be informed as early as possible, so that they can become available for other teams.

Term 1, Week 6 – Student nominations will be published. Students should check these nominations and discuss with Mr Reid if necessary.

Term 2, Week 2 – Meeting of coaches; provisional teams are published. The final decision on whether a student attends Country Week, is made by the Director of Students in consultation with the Director of Co-Curricular and High Performing Sport, the Head of Sport and the Staff member coaching the team.

Term 2, Week 3 – Teams are finalised prior to departure. Emergencies are named.

Every sport has different training requirements in preparation for Country Week. The coach will inform students of the specific requirements for each sport once the nominations have been finalised.



INNOVATION WEEK

Innovation week is a one-week innovation and entrepreneurship program where students will be supported to develop their own enterprise. They can expect to learn about finding core problems, ideation, customer validation, MVPs and pitching. Students will be guided through the process by entrepreneurs from BLOOMS at St Catherines College. This has led to students continuing with their product and presenting at the Young Entrepreneur Showcase and West Tech Fest. Students will stay in the same accommodation as Country Week students and will join students from Country Week for the evening activities. To be selected for Innovation Week, students will need to be considered to be good ambassadors for the School. If you have any more questions please free to contact Mr Rob Brooksbank on 9722 6025 or rob.brooksbank@bcgs.wa.edu.au.

Some other details that you might want to consider before nominating are:

- Country week/ Innovation Week runs from Sunday, 23 June to Friday 28 June.
- Approximate cost is \$650.
- Students who train and participate in Country Week, and complete a reflection booklet, can use this as an endorsed program which can contribute towards the requirements for achieving a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Information on this will be given to all students attending.

Students may nominate for Country Week (Years 10 to 12) and Innovation Week (Years 11 to 12) using the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Ub7ZvytsFp>

Students select one activity as their first preference. Students can also select a second preference in case they don't get selected in their first preference.

If parents or students have any further questions, or need any clarification on points listed above, then please see Mr Reid (Tel: 9722 6133).

Thank you,

Mr Jason Reid
Head of Sport