

MCA Football History

Football was first introduced to the college by Brother Neil O’Leary in 1979. In the sport’s first year in the TAS (The Associated Schools) competition, the college fielded 4 teams (Open, U15, U14, U13). Football steadily grew at the college and by the time Ashgrove joined the newly created AIC (Associated Independent Colleges) competition in 1999, the college entered 10 teams (1st XI – 4th XI, 15A-B, 14A-B, 13A-B). For the 2012 season the college will field 25 footballs teams across the Junior and Senior schools ranging from the 1st XI to the 5C team. This is a testament to Football’s growth not only at the college but in the Australian sporting landscape in general.

Since the commencement of the AIC competition, Ashgrove Football teams have enjoyed a great deal of success. The college has won the Football aggregate trophy 9 out of 13 years and has never finished worse than 3rd. Similarly, Ashgrove has enjoyed a great deal of success at 1st XI level winning 8 premierships including 4 undefeated premierships in the past 4 seasons. The 1st XI teams of 1999 and 2009 also achieved the ultimate in schoolboy Football by winning the AIC premiership / Uhsport Cup double in undefeated seasons.

Year	Head Coach	Captain	Results
2013	Matthew Poole & Bill Faust	Andrew Girjes	4th
2012	Matthew Poole & Bill Faust	Tom Duffy	3rd
2011	Matthew Poole & Bill Faust	Matthew Capelo	1 st (undefeated)
2010	Matthew Poole & Bill Faust	Joshua Coops	1 st (undefeated)
2009	Matthew Poole & Bill Faust	Nick McGauley	1 st (undefeated) & Cup winners
2008	Matthew Poole & Bill Faust	Antony Mazzoleni & Ben Jones	1 st (undefeated)
2007	Rod Brown	Matthew Smale	6 th
2006	Rod Brown	John O’Donovan	3 rd
2005	Josh Bird	Matteo Amabile	6 th

2004	Josh Bird	Marco Zande	1 st (undefeated)
2003	Josh Bird	Michael Christiansen	1 st (undefeated)
2002	Josh Bird	Kris Rodrigues	3 rd
2001	Josh Bird	Anthony Paolino	2 nd
2000	Josh Bird	Evan Walters	1 st (undefeated)
1999	Josh Bird	Tiago Guerreiro	1 st (undefeated) & Cup winners



The 2009 1st XI Football Team after their UHlsport Cup Final victory over Ipswich Grammar. The final provided a match-up between the AIC and GPS champions. Ashgrove won 4-3 in a thoroughly entertaining match.

***L-R Back Row:** Riley Campbell, Nick Jackson, Jack O'Rourke, James Dunn, Luca Stefani, Luca Jannese, Matthew Capelo, Stephen Cannon.*

***L-R Front Row:** Mitchell Blakemore, Declan Morris, Nick McGauley, Joe McKillop, Brady Smith, Joshua Coops, Luke Condon, Jackson Campbell.*

Past Players

Corey Brown

Corey attended the college until 2009 when he received a Football Scholarship to the AIS in Canberra. Since then Corey has gone on to represent the Australian U17 and U19 teams where he was part of the team who reached the semi finals of the 2012 AFC U19 Championships. In January 2013, Corey's hard work was rewarded when he made his A-League debut for the Brisbane Roar. Corey has become a regular 1st team squad member for the Roar during the 2013/2014 A-League season.

Ben Griffin



After graduating from Ashgrove in 2003, Ben went on to be part of the U17, U20, and U23 national teams, finally gaining an A-League contract with the Queensland Roar for the 2006/2007 season. Ben made 26 appearances for the Roar as a Right Fullback and his one goal was a memorable one against Central Coast Mariners.

While at Ashgrove Ben was part of the 2001, 2002, and 2003 1st XI teams and was instrumental in the undefeated premiership of 2003.

Andre Jannese

Goalkeeper for the 1st XI in 2011, Andre received an AIS scholarship for Football and now lives in Canberra. Andre was part of the Australian U17 squad who competed in the World Youth Cup in September 2013. Andre's main goal now is to secure a contract in the A-League. Andre was a vital member of the undefeated premiership team of 2011 and played every match for the college despite his numerous representative football commitments.

