AFL rules at rugby school

AUSSIE RULES
ONE of Australia’s most famous rugby union schools has become only the second private school in Sydney to introduce Australian Rules Football as a sport.

Knox Grammar School has installed Aussie Rules goalposts on the Gillespie Fields and entered two AFL teams in the Greater Sydney juniors competition.

Former Sydney Swans player and coach Paul Roos said the move by Knox would help develop the sport in Sydney.

“It’s fantastic from Knox to introduce it and hopefully a lot of the other schools follow up with it,” he said at the Wahroonga school last Tuesday.

Knox headmaster John Week said the school’s decision to introduce AFL aimed to provide a variety of sports for students.

“We see it as a logical move for us at Knox because we’re in a community which is really, really strong on AFL and the boys at our school, probably hundreds of them, are playing AFL on Sundays in local competitions,” he said.

“We’ve done a fair bit of due diligence on AFL’s introduction and we felt, yes, now is the time and we felt we really needed to get into the full competition.”

St Ignatius’ College, Riverview, was the first Sydney private school to introduce AFL.