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The Lane Cove Way

Play with Respect

At Lane Cove Football club, every player, parent and official is expected to respect everyone involved within the game. This includes but is not limited to:

- i) The Referee
- ii) The Linesman
- iii) Ground Officials
- iv) Other Parents
- v) Opposition Players
- vi) Spectators
- vii) Their *own* children

Make it Fun!

Kids want to be kids - let them enjoy playing football. Make training fun and ensure every child has equal opportunity to develop and learn in a positive environment. Playing Football should *always* be fun

Always Encourage

Encourage all children to do their best. Encourage and assist players and coaches to set goals and work towards team objectives. Always try to make encouragement positive and without pressure –

“A parent absolutely can encourage their child to be competitive without that encouragement becoming a burden that the child must succeed.”

Learn Together

Generate a desire in all players, coaches and parents to constantly learn and improve, regardless of skill level or knowledge of the game. Encourage and cultivate children's *Love to Learn*. Parents should grow their understanding of Football with their children whenever possible.

Play Positive Football

A deliberately indefinite term. What does Positive Football mean to you?

- An encouraging and supportive approach to team building
- A sustained goal to always enjoy football, no matter the result
- A commitment of continued learning throughout the development years and beyond
- In older age groups, (14-18) this can evolve to be more competitive – a Lane Cove side always tries its best to be positive and proactive in the way it plays.

Love Sports for Life

“70% of ‘sporty’ kids in the US quit by the time they are teenagers,” (Changing The Game Project). Lane Cove Football Club *must* be a supportive and enjoyable space for kids to play sport, develop social skills and make friends. Encourage kids to have fun and learn about being healthy whilst playing a team sport.