SOUTH AUSTRALIA - BREAKING NEW GROUND



CARDIJN COLLEGE

Facility Hierarchy: State Level

Total Project Cost: \$512,700

Funding Partners: AFL, Cardijn College, South Adelaide FC, SANFL, SA Government

Project Timeframe: January 2021 - August 2023

OVERVIEW

Funded through the Australian Football Facilities Fund (AFFF) in partnership with the South Australian National Football League (SANFL), Cardijn College was identified as a priority project to assist the South Adelaide Football Club (SAFC) in growing their junior and women's talent programs. This project is one of eight new venues across Adelaide creating a suite of high quality secondary training and match venues for SANFL State League clubs to meet the demands of the SANFL expansion.

Stage one of the Cardijn College/South Adelaide Football Club partnership has seen the installation of 150 lux LED lighting and an electronic scoreboard at the College oval. This project has enabled the college oval to be accessed 12 months of the year by SAFC for football training and competition needs therefore providing the capacity for SAFC to grow their junior and women's talent programs. The proximity of SAFC to Cardijn College ensures this long term partnership has mutual benefits for the local school and football community.

Project Outcomes

- Creates an opportunity for Cardijn College to attract high level youth talent to the College Football Program
- Builds the College profile for increased enrolments through improved facilities and greater community access
- Increases the usability of the College oval to support a range of school events and activities outside of normal school hours
- Provides a 12 month accessible community AFL facility able to host training and competition activities
- Provides South Adelaide Football Club with an additional ground to accommodate club growth, particularly across womens and junior football



"Cardijn College has been a fantastic neighbour and partner of South Adelaide for a long period of time. We are extremely grateful for their support with this project. To strengthen this partnership and provide the Club with access to a secondary football-only oval in close proximity with lighting over the winter months is a significant benefit. This will allow us to properly cater for the growth in the game, especially in female sport."

Neill Sharpe, Chief Executive Officer - SAFC

If you would like to break new ground with the AFL or are interested in finding out more, please contact: **bnground@afl.com.au**