



About the club

The Mooroolbark juniors (Mustangs) are a family oriented junior football club established in the 1960's and fielding teams in every age group from Under 8 through to Under 17 (**Boys**) and Under 12 to 16 (**Girls**) in the Eastern Football League (EFL).

Our club has a long and successful history, having won many premierships, non-competitive "lightning premierships" and best & fairest awards in both the EDFL and EFL. The club also won the EFL 'Junior Football Club of the Year' award as recently as 2011 and fielded **17** teams in **2019**. We support healthy links with the senior club which has competed strongly in 2nd division in recent seasons. It has also been the beginning for many past and present AFL footballers including Sam Mitchell, Heath Hocking, Aaron Mullett, Cam Pederson and Matthew Bishop.

The Mustangs believe that the individual player should be encouraged to foster self-confidence and self-esteem. Individuals make up the team where mutual respect, trust and working towards common goals are important life skills our players develop. Commitment, discipline, communication and teamwork are essential traits that are fostered within our teams. Continued development and improvement of football skills and game knowledge is achieved through structured and monitored training sessions conducted by accredited coaches.

The Mustangs also have a strong relationship with 'Mooroolbark Auskick' with the clinic conducting their operations at our junior home- Kiloran Park. New change room and canteen facilities were completed at the venue in 2012. The clinic also conducts half-time grid games during senior matches at "The Heights" reserve throughout the season. Players can learn great footy skills at Auskick and are encouraged to continue with Auskick, even when they start to play club football with the Mustangs.

Parents of prospective Mustang players can obtain information about the club by contacting our Registrar via email at mooroolbarkjnr@efl.org.au or by visiting our club contact details via the EFL website mooroolbarkfc.com.au. Look for the 'Juniors' tab.

The club always welcomes new players at all age levels (unless a team list is full).



Club Vision Statement:

To be the club of choice for junior players and their families, which contributes to the wider community both on and off the field.

Club Mission Statement:

Our primary objective is the development of junior football and footballers. We will provide a football programme that prepares young players both mentally and physically for senior football. This will include the provision of a safe and supportive community based environment which encourages skill and game plan development, fitness, fair play and teamwork.