



# BASKETBALL ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER – Term 1, 2021

### A New Year Brings New Opportunities!

After a very successful but COVID interrupted first year, Basketball Academy staff have set new goals and challenges for this year's teams. These goals are reflected in our expectations for Basketball Academy students on and off the court. We believe in challenging each other, supporting our teammates and 'Running as One'.

Due to previous success, 2021 brings more opportunities for our students. With the invitation to compete in the Southside Premier League (SPL). A competition which means our junior and senior teams can play against quality opposition from South East Queensland Schools. Along with the SPL, students will be participating in the interschool basketball competition and the Champions Basketball Schools of Queensland (CBSQ).

Congratulations to our year 7 students who were successful in their Basketball Academy applications. These students had to apply via video trial submissions. We would like to thank parents for the time spent recording and submitting these videos during the peak of COVID.



Our Junior (Year 7 & 8) Teams have made a very encouraging start to the year. With their interschool season starting early in term. Our **Year 7 girls** went through the competition undefeated! Unfortunately going down in a close grand final. **The Year 7 Boys** also had a great run throughout the season, making the grand final. The boys fought hard, but like the girls went down in the grand final game. Congratulations to both of our year 7 teams, runners up in their first competition is a great effort.

The **Year 8 girls** have demonstrated a lot of improvement since last year. A tough draw meant the girls finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall, with some great results throughout the season. Keep up the good work girls! Our **Year 8 Boys** only lost one game throughout the competition qualifying for the Grand Final. The Boys outran their opposition winning the final 49 – 24 and avenging their one loss through the regular season. A great team effort and result, congratulations Year 8 Boys.



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The four middle school teams have also enjoyed a successful interschool competition. The **Year 9 Girls** have had the biggest transformation from last year, compared to all of our teams. Last season the girls were learning the skills of Basketball, which saw them finish in 8<sup>th</sup> spot. However, this year the girls were semifinalists! A great achievement by the girls and coach.

Our year 9 and 10 boys both started the season strong, being undefeated through the regular season. This meant both teams were able to host the grand final. The **Year 9 boys** won the final with a convincing 42 – 27 score against Brisbane Bayside College. The boys created numerous scoring opportunities because of their solid defense.



The **Year 10 boys** played their final against Wellington Point State High School. It was a tough game with both teams wanting to run the ball. In the end the boys had too much pace for their opposition, winning 48 – 42. These wins mean the boys have qualified for the

Metropolitan Finals. Congratulations to our year 9 and 10 boys and good luck in the metropolitan finals.

The **Year 10 Girls** have also improved on last year's results. A real positive sign not only for our girls but every team in our Academy has improved results from last year. With a tough draw the, playing the two top teams in the first three weeks. The girls finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place.



## UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Our year 7 & 8 Basketball Academy uniforms have arrived and are ready for purchase. These items include their playing shorts and training polo. Jerseys will be supplied for games when required, these match the playing shorts students purchase. For the new members of our Academy in years 9 – 12, we are still waiting on the arrival of your playing uniform. When they have arrived, you will be notified.



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### New Training Schedule



Due to our Junior and middle school basketball competitions coming to an end. There has been a change in training times for a few teams. These changes are necessary to allow our junior and senior students to train with each other in preparation for our multiyear level competitions such as SPL and CBSQ.

#### Training sessions are as follows:

- Monday 3 – 4pm:** Year 10 – 12 Boys
- Monday 3 – 4pm:** Year 10 - 12 Girls
- Wednesday 8 – 8:50am:** Year 7 – 9 Girls
- Thursday 3 – 4pm:** Year 7 – 9 Boys

We ask that students let coaches know if they cannot make a training session. Also, if they are unavailable for an SPL competition round. Notifications can be made to coaching staff either face to face or via email.

### SENIOR REPORT

Year 11 - 12



Both senior boys and girls teams have been busy training and preparing for a busy term 2 and 3. They will be competing in their local interschool competition, SPL and CBSQ throughout the next

20 weeks. Coaches have been focusing on enhancing skills during gameplay and fitness levels. The busy schedule will mean players from both teams have numerous opportunities to demonstrate their ability in one competition or another.



**SAVE THE DATE**

CBSQ SENIORS - 16th - 19th of September

CBSQ JUNIORS - 14th - 17th of October

Our goals for the senior girls include qualifying for the CBSQ competition which takes place in September. This will see our team take on the best basketball schools in Queensland. The senior boys aim to improve on last year's Gold Medal in division three at the CBSQ competition. With the promotion to division two, a top 4 finish is the goal!



Can't get enough basketball? Community basketball teams are running in the Redlands, like the Alex Hills Raiders which train at our school, outside of school hours.

The local community competitions are run by RedCity Roar. For more information, visit their website: [www.redcityroar.com.au](http://www.redcityroar.com.au)



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### Sponsorship News



Welcome to our newest sponsors Gateway Containers, situated in Brisbane. With more than 20 years in the industry, Gateway Containers has earned the reputation for both competitively priced containers and modifications engineered to the highest industry standards. With their industry leading guarantee based on innovation, outstanding service, quality products and a commitment to true home-grown value. Gateway Containers service all sectors in the Australian container industry, from local QLD families and small businesses through to some of the nations' largest shipping container and logistics companies.

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We would like to thank Costa's Seafood Café for their continued support in 2021. The team from Costa's Seafood Café have donated player of the match vouchers for each of our games throughout the year. Whether you are after fresh seafood or chips and a drink, Costa's Seafood Café in Capalaba is the place to be.



The Southside Premier League (SPL) competition is an invitational competition, which provides high level basketball from schools within South East QLD. Each school must enter four teams in the competition. A senior boys and girls, which contains players from year 10 – 12. The junior boys and girls involve players from year 7 – 9. The first 'Gala Day' for the SPL competition was scheduled for the last day of term 1. However, the snap lockdown prevented this from going ahead. Rest assured the 'Gala Day' will be rescheduled.

Round 1 of the SPL competition meant we had to travel to Wellington Point. Our junior teams started the afternoon very well, both winning! The junior girls gelled well together taking out the game with a dominant win 48 - 18. It was a closer battle for our junior boys, who stood up at the end of the game taking out a 44 - 39 win.



Our Senior teams fought hard, however the girls were beaten by a more experienced outfit. The boys were winning for the majority of the game. Eventually going down by one point! A tough loss, however a good learning experience for the team.



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**Mr Powell** - Academy Coordinator

Coaching - Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Boys,  
Open Boys, Senior SPL Boys

Favourite Teams - Miami Heat,  
Brisbane Bullets



**Miss McKendry**

Coaching - Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Girls,  
Open Girls, Junior SPL Girls

Favourite Team - LA Clippers



**Mrs Carmody**

Coaching - Year 9 Girls, Year 10 Girls,  
Senior SPL Girls

Favourite Team - LA Lakers



**Mr Fitzpatrick**

Coaching – Year 9 Boys, Year 10 Boys,  
Junior SPL Boys

Favourite Team - Chicago Bulls

## REDCITYROAR NEWS

RedCity Roar's mission state is to: "Grow the game of basketball in the Redland City and build a pathway from beginners to semiprofessionals"

The Association is proud to support the Basketball Academy at Alexandra Hills State High School building pathways for its students. The program is already making an impact within the RedCity Roar community with several students already representing our Association and participating in our junior fixtures. The RedCity Roar values the investment of the school in providing opportunity and pathways within basketball and will continue to support the program through 2021, with access to players and coaches to assist the development of students and teachers within the program.

The RedCity Roar have put the cap stone on its own pathway with acceptance into the northern conference of NBL1 and will be represent the Redlands in both the men's and women's competitions on a national stage. This is first and only club in Redlands to do so at a national level.

The season tips off in May with the clubs first preseason game on Saturday the 1st May at the Paul Bancroft Centre, Waterloo St, Cleveland.

If you would like to see the highest level of winter basketball on offer in Australia, visit our events [page](#) to purchase tickets! This is preview of what you will see - [amazing athletes](#), [amazing plays](#) and [great engagement!](#)

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- May 6<sup>th</sup> – SPL Round 2 – V Runcorn SHS
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Basketball Academy IncurSION
  - May 26<sup>th</sup> – Senior Interschool Sport season begins
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> – SPL Round 3 – V Citipointe College
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> – SPL Round 4/5 Gala Day
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – SPL Round 6 V Capalaba (juniors only)
  - July 29<sup>th</sup> – SPL Round 7 V Capalaba (seniors only)
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Festival
  - August 5<sup>th</sup> – SPL Round 8 V Brisbane Christian College
  - Date TBC – SPL Round 9 V Mabel Park SHS
  - September 16 – 19<sup>th</sup> – CBSQ Seniors
  - October 14 – 17<sup>th</sup> – CBSQ Juniors
- \*Specialist Coaching Clinics will also be conducted throughout the year. Dates for each year level will be confirmed and students will be notified.

### Individual Accolades

While all of our teams have had some great success so far this year, a few individual members have accomplished even more achievements. Josiah and Ayden who are both members of our year 7 group were selected in the 10 – 12 years Bayside District representative team. These boys competed at the Metropolitan East tournament. Congratulations Ayden and Josiah!

Gareth a member of our open boys' team was also selected to represent the Bayside District representative team at the Metropolitan East tournament. Gareth impressed selectors throughout the day with his 'never give up attitude'. This earned him a spot in the Metropolitan East Representative team which will compete at the State Titles later in the year. Congratulations Gareth and good luck!



Bridget a member of our open girls' team has been recognised for her involvement in the community. She was a finalist for the Redlands Coast Young Legends Award.



Bridget is a key member of our Basketball Academy, winning the All-Star Shooting Guard at our awards evening last year. She is also a coach with the Alexandra Hills Raiders Basketball Club, is currently a level 3 qualified score table official and a qualified basketball statistician. Our Basketball Academy and the local basketball community appreciate the work you put in.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

We are looking for the support of local businesses to help build our program through financial or product-based sponsorship. If you know of someone or a company who may be interested, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Basketball Academy Coordinator, Nathan Powell, by email at [npowe50@eq.edu.au](mailto:npowe50@eq.edu.au) for a 'Sponsorship Info Pack'.



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