



# BASKETBALL ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER – Term 4, 2021

### Alex Hills Basketball Academy Climbing the Ranks!

The second year of Basketball Academy is coming to an end and the results from 2021 have been outstanding!

We have been fortunate to play a lot of basketball this year, with the ever changing COVID restrictions. This season we competed in over 150 games from a range of competitions including interschool sport, metropolitan finals, The Southside Premier League (SPL) and the Champion Basketball Schools of QLD (CBSQ). This constant exposure to high level basketball has allowed growth in our player's development.

However outside of competition games, teams have been training extremely hard throughout the year. Sessions have been targeting specific skills development and team strategy in order to compete at their highest level.

We have been fortunate to have participated in sessions run by the Brisbane Bullets, RedCity Roar and Acceleration Australia. While also having our annual Basketball Academy Festival and weekly training sessions hosted by their very dedicated coaches.



The annual Basketball Festival was held early in term 4. This event gives students the opportunity to showcase their improvements and talents to the rest of the school in a variety of events.

This year's three-point shootout was won by two of our year 7 students! Congratulations Brianna and Sam. Both students shot the lights out in front of a large crowd.

The Skills Challenge was a close competition with less than one second separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Congratulations to Kodi and Jett who edged out their competition.



The Ultimate Eliminator shows of students shooting ability from the free throw line. This year's Ultimate Eliminator is Gareth!

The closing event was the highly anticipated Teachers V Students game. After the teachers took out game one, this game was always going to be a battle! In front of a large crowd of students the game finished a draw, 32 all. Congratulations to Khiarn for being named the player of the match.



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The year 9 and 10 students were hard at work finishing the SPL competition and preparing for the Junior Champion Basketball Schools of QLD (CBSQ). The improvements these students have made since the Basketball Academy began last year, are outstanding. Not only in individual skill development but in their ability to execute an effective game strategy to compete at a high level.



This was evident in our girls who competed at the CBSQ competition in October. This year the competition was held on the Gold Coast with over 160 schools competing. Our girls played in some very physical games. They finished with 3 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw to finish in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

Our boys also had a very successful competition. Winning all three pool games to move into the finals as top seed. They went on to win the quarter final and a very entertaining semifinal against Trinity College to book a spot in the gold medal game. The final was a low scoring but very competitive game. With our boys coming up agonisingly short, going down by 1 point to claim the silver medal. Finishing with 6 wins and one loss.



Our Senior teams have gone from strength to strength this year. Our boys qualified for division 2 at the CBSQ due to last year's success. While for our girls 2021, was the first year our senior girls' team have qualified for the CBSQ, which is a great achievement.

Our girls were a very young team for the open competition, with a number of year 10 students in the team and a year 7 and 8 student! However, that did not stop them. The girls pulled together to come away in 7<sup>th</sup> position, a great achievement for our first year representing our school in the open competition.

The boys were promoted up a division and started very well winning three of their four pool games. A Quarter Final win over Mansfield SHS meant they made the Semi Final. In what was another tightly contested game we went down by 9 points. **The boys finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, a wonderful achievement which means they are ranked 20<sup>th</sup> overall in QLD!**

Congratulations to both of our Opens teams and thank you to our year 12 students who are moving on next year. We wish you all the best.



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**Acceleration®**  
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We are proud to announce that Acceleration Australia have joined the Academy to run sessions with our Basketball students.

Acceleration Australia specialises in helping athletes move faster, jump higher and get stronger. Trainers push the boundaries and work tirelessly to help students achieve their sporting goals.

In each session, they focus on specific elements that make up the totality of basketball to make students understand the components of movement and those actions needed to enhance and improve their athleticism.

They are about teaching skills needed to enjoy being active and playing sport for a long time. We look forward to seeing the results and are excited for our students to have this opportunity.



### SOUTHSIDE PREMIER LEAGUE

Results & Update

The Southside Premier League results are in! 2021 was the first year Alexandra Hills participated in this competition. A tournament which consists of 11 school teams in a league format, which ran over two terms.

We are extremely proud of our 4 teams and how they competed throughout the competition. Each team demonstrated improvements which was ideal going into the state titles later in the year. The results from the SPL include a bronze medal for our Junior Boys. This squad played very consistent basketball over the 10 rounds, with their biggest loss only being 2 points!

Our Junior Girls finished in a very respectful 5<sup>th</sup> place. This squad has shown great improvements throughout the tournament, which has been an ideal warm up for the CBSQ competition. We look forward to seeing how this team competes over the next few years as the majority of the squad were year 7 & 8 students playing against year 9 students.

The Senior Boys and Girls both finished in 7<sup>th</sup> position. After a slow start to the competition, both teams returned from the mid-year holiday to collect some vital wins. Again, this worked extremely well in preparing our teams for the CBSQ competition. The Senior Girls team were also the youngest in this competition, so we look forward to seeing how they challenge other teams in the next two years.

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### Basketball Academy Awards Ceremony



This year's Basketball Academy Awards Ceremony was combined with the School's Sports Awards, on October 20<sup>th</sup>. At this event it was clear that our Basketball Academy students not only excel on the court but in a range of other sports as well. Congratulations to those students who also represented the school in athletics, swimming or cross country.

All Basketball Academy students received a team photo and certificate for their commitment to the program. They also received a generous offer from the 'Alex Hills Raiders Basketball Club'. This offer gives \$50 off club basketball fees if they play for the Alex Hills Raiders club in season 1 of 2022. Or players can receive a free warm up top once club fees have been paid. We would like to thank Alex Hills Raiders and RedCity Roar for their continued support this year.

Congratulations to the following special award winners:



**Most Promising Junior**

Josiah Holt and Ella Wynebergen

### BASKETBALL ACADEMY AWARDS



**Team of the Year – Year 9 Boys**  
District Champions  
Metropolitan East Finalists  
SPL – Bronze Medal  
CBSQ – Silver Medal

### BASKETBALL ACADEMY AWARDS



**Most Improved Player**

- Year 7 - Jack Thomsen      Sienna Holroyd
- Year 8 - Abbey Schroder    Adam Dempsey
- Year 9 - Luke Edser        Meah Stone
- Year 10 - Kodi Gilbert      Brody Seage
- Opens - Kalani Elkington    Casey Wallis

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### BASKETBALL ACADEMY AWARDS



### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



#### Most Valuable Player

- Year 7 - Ayden Fishwick Brianna Ordone
- Year 8 - Kaitlyn Harrison Joel Goodwin
- Year 9 - Detroit Kingi Ceanna York
- Year 10 - Mikayla Harrison Zane MacRae
- Opens - Gareth Lyle Nadia Ingerman

### BASKETBALL ACADEMY AWARDS



### JUNIOR ALL ACADEMY STARTING FIVE



#### All Academy Starting Five – Junior Girls

- Centre Ceanna York
- Power Forward Kaitlyn Harrison
- Small Forward Sarah Boyle
- Shooting Guard Briella Plint
- Point Guard Brianna Ordone

#### All Academy Starting Five – Junior Boys

- Centre Tanielu Yettica-Paulson
- Power Forward Joel Goodwin
- Small Forward Luke Browne
- Shooting Guard Deakin Plint
- Point Guard Detroit Kingi

### BASKETBALL ACADEMY AWARDS



### SENIOR ALL ACADEMY STARTING FIVE



#### All Academy Starting Five – Senior Girls

- Centre Nadia Ingerman
- Power Forward Kodi Gilbert
- Small Forward Zoe Chiverton
- Shooting Guard Tara Kirk
- Point Guard Mikayla Harrison

#### All Academy Starting Five – Senior Boys

- Centre Kalani Elkington
- Power Forward Gareth Lyle
- Small Forward Fernando Alba
- Shooting Guard Zane MacRae
- Point Guard Brendan Dietz

The Basketball Academy awards ceremony gave us the opportunity to recognise and thank our 2021 Sponsors for their support. These sponsors have played a key role in assisting the development of our Basketball program. We look forward to their continued support in 2022.



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The junior students also represented our school at the state titles. Like our year 9 and 10 students, our juniors competed at the junior CBSQ competition on the Gold Coast. Both the boys' and girls' teams competed very well in the highest level of basketball in QLD. Our junior teams both featured in division 1.

The junior girls played against teams which were much taller than our girls. However, this did not stop them from competing. Out of the seven games our girls won three, meaning they finished in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

The junior boys were also promoted up into division one. In what was a very tough competition the boys showed improvement over the four days. Eventually finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> position.

Again, these results were both improvements from last year, which shows the hard work is paying off. We look forward to seeing what our junior teams can do in 2022!



### 2022 Sponsorship Opportunities

We are looking for the support of local businesses to help continue our program success through financial or goods/services sponsorship for 2022. 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'.



### Need More Basketball?

The Alex Hills Raiders Basketball Club are taking members for the 2022 season. If you are looking for a club team to play for follow the link below. All Raiders teams train in our school hall.

[www.redcityroar.com.au](http://www.redcityroar.com.au)



The new year will bring the 2022 women's FIBA World Cup to Sydney! Who are you supporting?

Until next year...

