



BASKETBALL ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER – Terms 2-3, 2022

Run As One

Our Basketball Academy is built on a culture of team work, support and hardwork. A program that doesn't just include its players and coaches but also the school's student body, staff, parents and wider community. With this support our teams are able to perform at their best by 'Running As One'.



Term 3 saw the conclusion of the interschool competition. All four junior basketball teams did an amazing job finishing in the top 3. Unfortunately due to the delayed start to the year and time off due to weather, there was no grand finals. Instead the team leading after the round games would be named champions.

Our year 7 and 8 boys both finished with a silver medal. A great achievement especially from our year 7 teams given they have just started in the academy. The boys will be aiming to go one better next year!

The year 7 girls finished with the bronze medal, losing only two games by very narrow margins. We look forward to seeing how they go in other competitions throughout the year, as they are an exciting group of players. While our year 8 girls took out the gold medal going undefeated in the interschool competition. This team is the first female Basketball Academy team to win such an event.

Winning the interschool competition meant the girls went to the Metropolitan Finals. Unfortunately they matched up against the favourites. However the girls played hard eventually going down. This group of girls have raised the bar this year, next year they will aim to make the Metropolitan Finals again. Congratulations year 8 girls!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Year 9 and 10

The year 9 and 10 teams also finished their interschool competition this term. Both girls' teams showed vast improvements from last year, finishing third in their respected age groups. Not only is it great to see improvement in individual skills, but both teams are playing with improved structure and strategy. This will be extremely beneficial in other competitions later this year.

Our year 9 and 10 boys both had successful interschool seasons. Both boys teams winning 6 games and losing only 1, in their respected competitions. Therefore finishing second. Unfortunately for both teams there was no grand finals this season due to the delayed start to the school year. This meant both teams finished with the silver medal!



SENIOR REPORT

Year 11 - 12

The senior interschool season has moved to a gala day format this year. This has given our squads more time to train and prepare for our games. Both male and female teams have been focusing on mastering the fundamental skills and team strategy in both offense and defense.

The Open Boys played pool games against Cleveland, Victoria Point and Wynnum. With successful results in the pool games, the boys reached the semi final. Unfortunately going down by four points in a tight game.

Our Open Girls team played Cleveland, Brisbane Bayside, Wellington Point, and Redlands College. Winning each of these games our open girls were named District Champions! This is a great achievement considering all players are currently only in year 11. This is also the first time an Open Girls team have won the district. Congratulations open girls.



DISTRICT BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations - Open Basketball Girls

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Sponsorship News

Dominos Capalaba have joined the Basketball Academy to help us share in players success. They have donated a number of free pizzas to be awarded to the player of the game, trainer of the week or as prizes throughout the year.

These vouchers have been highly sort after amongst the players. It is clear Dominos pizzas motivates our players to do their best!

We would like to thank Dominos Capalaba for their support.



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 involves players from year 7 – 9.

Our two senior teams competed well, with some impressive wins to start the competition and some close loses towards the end of the season. Next year we look to flip those tight loses into

wins, which will see our teams qualify for the semi finals. However this year both teams finished in 6th position, an improvement from last year.

As for the junior teams, our boys competed in extremely well, some illness and injury late in the competition made it tough. Just missing out on a semi final spot by 1 game. The boys finished 5th, a positive result in such a tough competition.

Our junior girls started the competition with 7 wins in a row, meaning they qualified for the semi final. The semi final game was against the undefeated Marsden (yr9 team) who finished the season on top of the table. However, our girls played extremely tough basketball for the entire game finishing off, with a 3 point win and qualifying for the grand final!

This was the first time any Alexandra Hills SHS team has played in an SPL grand final, and its only the second year we have competed in SPL. A great achievement by our junior girls, considering over half the team is made up of year 7 and 8 students.



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REDCITYROAR

RedCity Roar is a great supporter of the Alexandra Hills Basketball Academy. Not only do they provide pathways for our basketballers to play in club and representative teams, but they also inspire students to look to the future by playing in the RedCity Roar NBL1 teams.

However RedCity Roar is not just about the players, there are also pathways in refereeing, statisticians, coaching and scoreboard officiating. If you would like to get involved in any of these positions please get in touch with RedCity Roar!

Scoreboard officiating is a great way to be involved in the sport of Basketball. This is also a paid position and would be suitable for any students from grade 10 and up. Training and support is also provided by our very own Brdiegt Lyle (year 12 student) and her father Mr Lyle. For further details on how to get involved please contact RedCity Roar or ask Mr Powell for further information.

Finally, if you are just a supporter of the sport and like to watch quality, competitive games come down and cheer on a team! For any parents there are also multiple competitions throughout the week!



Opens CBSQ - 15th – 18th September (Coomera)

Juniors Secondary CBSQ (Gr 9 - 10) – 13th – 16th October (Coomera & Runaway Bay)

Sports Awards Breakfast – 21st October

Sophomores CBSQ (Gr 7 - 8) – 27th – 30th October (Coomera)

Junior 3x3 Reward Day (Gr 7 – 9) – 6th December

Individual Accolades



Congratulations to **Isabella** from year 7 who competed in the State Titles earlier this year. Her team, the Southern District Spartans had a successful competition claiming the gold medal. With Isabella playing in the guard position there is no surprise, they won the gold!

Well done to **Hunter** also from year 7. Representing RedCity Roar, he went on to be one of the highest scorers in his age group.



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Josiah and **Ayden** from year 8 are teammates in the RedCity Roar team who competed at the State Titles. No doubt this team would have been moving quickly and playing an attacking style of play with these two on court!



Hana, from year 7 representing RedCity Roar, competed at the State Titles. She showed impressive shooting and rebounding throughout the competition.



Alex from year 8 and sister Sarah (team manager) also had a successful competition finishing with the silver medal! Congratulations to the both of you.

Off The Court Success

Bridget (year 12) has completed her Basketball Australia Level 3 Scoretable qualification (Theory & practical assessments) in April this year. She has also completed her Level 1 Basketball Australia Statisticians qualification. As a Level 3 scoretable official, Bridget can (and has) applied to do scoretable for NBL & WNBL. She is also now able chair NBL1 games. This is a great achievement for a young 17 year old.

Bridget is actively involved in doing scoretable and statistician duties in the following national and

domestic competitions: NBL1 (National Basketball League 1) (Scoretable & Stats), NWBL (National Wheelchair Basketball League) (Scoretable & Stats), QSL (Queensland State League) (Scoretable & Stats), QSL2 ((Queensland State League Div2) (Scoretable), SQJBC (Scoretable), CBSQ (Scoretable), SPL (Scoretable) and Senior & Junior Domestic Club (Scoretable). Bridget also takes an active role in running and assisting with scoretable education courses for club parents / guardians and siblings as well as the Basketball Queensland Level 1 courses.



While **Louis** (year 8) is a fully qualified level 1 scoretable official and recently completed his Level 2 Basketball Australia theory course. He is currently working his way through his Level 2 practical assessments.

Louis is actively involved in doing scoretable duties in the following national and domestic competitions: NBL1 (National Basketball League 1) QSL2 (Queensland State League Div2), SQJBC, CBSQ, SPL and Senior & Junior Domestic Club. Louis recently performed scoretable duties at the Basketball Queensland u14 Boys State Championships competition.

Both Bridget and Louis are valuable members of the Technical Officials panel at Alexandra Hills State High Schools Basketball Academy and RedCity Roar. They both have a very mature and professional approach to their roles.



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Specialist Coaching Clinics

Throughout terms 2 and 3 all Academy students had the opportunity to be coached by specialist coaches. Peter Pollock (Redcity GM), Jarret Croft (RedCity NBL1 import from USA) and Gareth Lyle (past student and current RedCity NBL1 player).

These sessions focused on different aspects of the game from defensive and offensive transition to team work, passing and shooting.

We would like to thank these coaches for spending time with our Academy students. The sessions were extremely beneficial for our preparations moving into our major competitions in term 4.



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 for a 'Sponsorship Info Pack'.



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