



Alexandra Hills State High School

# Basketball Academy

NEWSLETTER – Term 3, 2020



Our open boys competed at the Champion Basketball Schools of Queensland (CBSQ) tournament at Auchenflower Stadium, last term. Due to last years effort the boys were promoted to division three this year. This meant a higher quality opposition compared to previous years.

The open boys were entering the competition with a 12 wins and 1 loss record from our interschool and metropolitan finals season. They got off to a great start winning both games on day one, against Ambrose Tracey College (37 – 34) and Mueller College (41-21).



Day two started with another strong performance, comfortably beating St Andrew's Anglican College 49 – 20. This set up a replay of last years final, Alexandra Hills SHS taking on Kings College. Our boys eventually going down, finishing the pool games in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with three wins from four games.

Day three started the knockout rounds, with a quarterfinal match up against Marymount College. The boys put in a strong performance after the

disappointing loss to Kings College, winning 65 – 38. This result put them into the semi finals against St. Laurence's College. Again we started well and made it difficult for St Laurence's College to score. Eventually winning the game 39 – 27, booking a spot in the Division Three Grand Final.

Sunday, Grand Final day! The boys looked very calm leading up to the start of the game. Which lead to a great start with, Gareth and Tyson both hitting three pointers to open the scoring, the team executed the game plan extremely well. Playing hard, solid defence, making it difficult for Coomera Anglican College to get any easy points.



Our boys prevailed, winning the gold medal game 33 – 26 over Coomera Anglican College. A great effort from all players involved. Their dedication and commitment to each other paid off. This result also means the open boys will be promoted into division two for next years competition. A great achievement for our Basketball Academy in such a short period of time! Congratulations Open Boys!





## COACHES CORNER

### REDCITY ROAR – GM PETER POLLOCK

RedCity Roar's General Manager Peter Pollock ran our year 8, 9 and 10 students through their paces during term three. With a number of coaching sessions focusing on basketball fundamentals including, improving shooting technique.

Not only did our players learn some new skills but our coaches were given a catalogue of new drills to use in our sessions.

We would like to thank Peter Pollock and RedCity Roar for their continued support throughout the year!



### BRISBANE BULLETS COACHING CLINIC

Sean from the Brisbane Bullets Coaching Staff, joined our Basketball Academy for a half day coaching clinic.



Our year 7 and 8 students were the beneficiaries of these sessions, taking them through a number of drills focusing on player movement, creating space for teammates and communication.

Sean was extremely happy with the enthusiasm and effort shown by our junior basketballers. Thank you Sean and the Brisbane Bullets!



### REDCITY ROAR – COACH FARLEY

Another experienced coach from RedCity Roar visited our Basketball Academy students. This time Coach Farley held a half day session with our year 9 and 10 students.

This session was to prepare our junior teams for the upcoming CBSQ competition. The key focus being transition defence and offense.





### JUNIOR BASKETBALL ACADEMY MAKES A PROMISING START

Our Junior Basketball Academy students competed in the Champion Basketball Schools of Queensland (CBSQ) tournament for the first time in our schools history.

Alexandra Hills SHS were represented by four teams, our Junior Boys (yr9/10) coached by Mr Fitzpatrick, Junior Girls (yr9/10) coached by Miss McKendry, Sophomore Boys (yr8) coached by Mr Powell and Sophomore Girls (yr7/8) coached by Mrs Carmody.

Our Sophomore girls competed in the highest level (division one), which is a great achievement within itself. Over the four days the girls showed great improvement. With Mrs Carmody being extremely proud of the girls saying “they didn’t stop competing until the final whistle and played against some quality opposition”.



The Junior girls competed in division two. With the girls being very competitive and improving in each game. The girls had to dig deep when Kaitlyn went down injured on day 2. We look forward to seeing these girls compete again next year when they will be top age! We would also like to wish Kaitlyn a speeding recovery.



The Junior boys started strong finishing day one undefeated guaranteeing them a spot in the quarter finals. An injury to starting center, Nick meant the boys had to dig deep in the final two games. The boys finished with an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place. What impressed Mr Fitzpatrick the most was how they learnt to control the ball and control the pace of the game over the four days.

Our Sophomore boys also competed in division 2, and had a tough draw. The boys played extremely well winning 3 of their first 4 games. In what was a tight competition the boys finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place, however only lost to the team that won gold, by 3 points earlier in the tournament. Mr Powell was proud of the way the boys played as a team and competed to the final whistle throughout the four days.





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While our teams represented our school very well on the court, we are also extremely proud of the way they carried themselves off the court. There were some long days, due to the draw layout. Our students demonstrated great behavior and respect. The COVID officer at the venue mentioned how respectful Alexandra Hills students had been over the four days.

Every player in our Basketball Academy who competed at the junior CBSQ tournament also received a Costa's Seafood Café Food Voucher.




**EXCITING  
NEW  
PARTNERSHIP**

Alexandra Hills Basketball Academy are proud to announce a new partnership with **River City Glass**.

For Brisbane Glass Repair, River City Glass is your option for all glass and glazing needs. They are a family owned and operated business based in Capalaba. With a long running history in Basketball and Alexandra Hills State High School.

River City Glass supply a wide range of quality glass products and services. They provide professional personal service, quality tradesmanship and prompt delivery and installation of all our products.

We would like to thank River City Glass for their support for the remainder of 2020.



## Player Profile – Tyson (Open Boys)

Tyson has been a member of the open boys basketball team for the past three years. He is one of three 'original' basketball players who represented our school at the CSBQ competition since 2018. The others being Alex and Baylee.

Tyson has always been a consistent player on the offensive and defensive end of the court. However this year in the CSBQ competition, he finished on top of the leader board for '3 pointers made'. Meaning he was the top 3 point shooter in this entire division.

Not only was his coached impressed with the way he shot the ball, but the timing of his three point shot was a highlight. "Tyson hit his three's when we needed them most, whenever we were struggling to score Tyson would nail one from behind the arc".




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Our Basketball festival is coming up (December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>). With events such as the 'Three Point Shoot Out', 'Skills Challenge', the 'Ultimate Eliminator' and the 'Teachers Verse Students Game'.

This event is a celebration and an opportunity for Basketball Academy students to show off their talents. Each event is held during lunch breaks. Trials have been held during training sessions. Good luck to all competitors!



Our end of year awards evening is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. A sausage sizzle will be served during second break before heading into the hall for the awards ceremony.

Unfortunately this event is effected by COVID restrictions. Therefore only students and staff will be able to attend.

This event is a celebration of students success in the Basketball Academy program. While most competitions were effected by COVID this year, we feel it is important to acknowledge the progress and improvements students have made throughout the year. Students are asked to check their emails closer to the date for details.

## Community Basketball

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)



## 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'.