

# **WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**



## **BASKETBALL SPECIALIST PROGRAM PROSPECTUS**

**Year 7 - 10 in 2023 for Year 8 – 11 in 2024**

*Closing date for applications **Friday 2 June 2023***

## **Trial Date – Thursday 8 June 2023**

Recognised by Basketball Australia, endorsed by Basketball Western Australia and certified by the Education Department of Western Australia

***Willetton Senior High School has been providing an exceptional opportunity for student-athletes to develop their basketball potential since 1989.***

- Premier basketball school in Western Australia for the past 34 years
- 1 NBA drafted player
- 14 Centre of Excellence (AIS) scholarships
- 25 Australian Representatives
- 10 NBL players
- 23 WNBL players
- Significant number of USA College Scholarships
- Significant number of WA Junior State Representatives
- 5 Australian Schools Championship gold medalists, 8 x silver and 8 x bronze
- Current State Champions Senior Men
- Current State Champions Senior Women
- State Champions Senior Men 23 of the past 32 years
- State Champions Senior Women 24 of the past 32 years
- Current State Champions Junior Men
- Current State Champions Junior Women
- State Junior Champion Boys 12 of the past 16 years
- State Junior Champion Girls 13 of the past 16 years
- Current 3on3 Champions Year 10 Boys & Girls
- Current 3on3 Champions Year 7 Boys & Girls

## PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

The Specialised Basketball Program provides student-athletes with a unique opportunity to combine a quality academic education with six years of specialised development in basketball.

There is an expectation that student-athletes selected for this program will fully commit to the ethos and values of the program and of Willetton Senior High School.



## Years 7 to 10

Practical	Theoretical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Three hours per week within timetable, and one hour per week before school, developing individual skill, techniques, tactics and decision-making for basketball</li> <li>➤ Cross training activities</li> <li>➤ General core stability development</li> <li>➤ Basketball specific fitness training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sports nutrition and recovery</li> <li>➤ Injury prevention and rehabilitation</li> <li>➤ Referee, score table and statistics</li> <li>➤ General coaching principles</li> <li>➤ Mindfulness / mental skills development</li> <li>➤ Leadership and communication skills</li> <li>➤ Coaching qualifications</li> <li>➤ Health Education</li> </ul>

## Years 11 and 12

Practical	Theoretical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two – three hours per week developing basketball advanced skills, techniques and decision-making</li> <li>➤ Basketball specific power and strength training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two hours per week in either ATAR or General Physical Education Studies with a specific focus on basketball</li> </ul>





# SCHOOL ORGANISATION

## Staff



### **Mr Michael Forsyth**

Program Coordinator and Coach  
Australian Junior Male Coach nominee-National Junior Basketball Awards  
Former SBL and WABL Coach  
4 x WA State Junior representative  
2 x SBL Championship player with Cockburn Cougars  
NCAS II Coach  
WACE Marker/Basketball  
Willetton SHS Coach since 1990



### **Mr Blair Kearsley**

Program Coordinator and Men's Coach  
Current WA Schoolgirls' Coach  
Assistant Coach NBL1 and WABL Coach  
NCAS II Coach  
Willetton SHS Coach since 2004  
Willetton SHS Specialised Basketball Studies *Class of 1996*



### **Ms Danika Pisconeri**

Women's Coach  
WABL and Interstate Tours Coach  
WACE Marker  
NCAS II Coach  
WSBL Championship player  
WSBL Perry Lakes Hawks MVP  
Current NBL 1 player Perry Lakes Hawks  
4 x WA State Junior representative (2 x captain)  
Bronze Medalist U/20 Nationals 2009  
College Scholarship NCAA Division II, Miami Florida  
2 x Dhara Kerr Best & Fairest winner WAFLW  
AFLW player West Coast Eagles 2019/2020  
Willetton SHS Coach since 2016

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Complete the online application form by **Friday 2 June 2023 (Document 1)**
- Have your current school provide a confidential reference to be returned by **Friday 2 June 2023** (Provide them with a copy of the reference form) **(Document 2)**
- Have your current coach provide a confidential reference to be returned by **Friday 2 June 2023** (Provide them with a copy of the reference form) **(Document 3)**
- Email a copy of the latest school report to:  
[willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au) **(Document 4)**
- A receipt of invitation to trial will be provided closer to the trial date (**no earlier than Term 2**)
- On receipt of an invitation, attend the appropriate practical skills and sport specific fitness trial
- Attend subsequent practical trials as required
- Attend a formal interview for shortlisted candidates
- Successful applicants sent an enrolment package and Student Contract

*NB: All correspondence, other than the enrolment package, will be via email*

## FAQs

### Are 'out of school boundary' applicants accepted?

- Yes, we accept and enroll a limited number of students from outside our school boundary in Years 7 through to Year 11.

### If my child is not accepted, can he/she try again?

- Yes, we have had students trial again in subsequent years, some successfully and some not.

### Is height a consideration?

- Yes, and we take into account that taller children take longer to develop their coordination and motor skills.

### Are scholarships available?

- No. We are a self-funded program and all students are required to pay a course fee. This fee is used to cover the cost of facility hire and equipment

### **Do you provide board for country students?**

- No. We will assist country students attempting to find a suitable boarding arrangement if they have no relatives in the metropolitan area.

### **What happens if my child is injured or ill on the trial day?**

- On the production of a medical certificate, we will arrange an alternative trial date.

### **How does the selection process work?**

- Every applicant is assessed through sports specific fitness testing as well as basketball skills, drills and game play
- Every applicant is assessed on natural athletic ability, as well as coachability and attitude
- Work ethic, behaviour and aptitude are considered
- Applicants are compared with each other and the appropriate fitness standards
- School reports / references and coaching references are considered

### **What is the expectation of my child if selected?**

- Attend all coaching sessions and train with intensity
- Attain an academic standard commensurate with their ability
- Become a positive role model at Willetton in all areas of school life
- Represent Willetton in basketball when selected
- Strive to play at the highest level of club basketball available in WA
- All fees related to the Specialised Basketball Program are paid at the beginning of each school year

### **What basketball club do you expect my child to play for?**

- We prefer to see the students stay with the club they are already involved with unless they come from a country area or interstate

### **What is the after school time commitment expected of my child?**

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will have one hour out of school time commitment.
- Senior students are expected to train once a week after school and to play after school games during Terms 1 and 2 if selected.

## Do you accept late applications?

- Only in exceptional circumstances or where the applicant was unaware, they would be moving to Perth or Western Australia.

## When do applications close for the 2024 intake?

- Applications and all references **MUST** be received via email by the school on or before **Thursday 11 May 2023**.

## Can I return my application via Australia Post or in person as hard copy?

- **No. ALL** information must be received through the online application process. If this is a problem, contact using the following email address;

[Willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au)





# IMPORTANT DATES for 2024 ENROLMENT

## Trial Dates

Students Applying for Year 8 - 11 in 2024 (**Current Year 7 - 10 Students**):

### **STUDENT TRIALLING for Years 8 - 11**

*Thursday 8 June*

*8.00am - 11.30am*

*Willetton Basketball Stadium*

## APPLICATION

### [Year 8 – 11 2024 Basketball Application Form](#)

Please apply online

Download the Coach Reference and School Reference and ensure that they are completed and emailed through to the school.

[Coach Reference](#)

[School Reference](#)

Further information or enquiries, please contact Blair Kearsley or Mike Forsyth at [willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au)

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before **Friday 2 June 2023**