



# Willetton SHS

## Basketball Specialist Program

*Closing date for applications **Thursday 12 May 2022***

**Trial Date – Wednesday 18 May 2022**

### PROSPECTUS

**Year 6 in 2022 for Year 7 in 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 30 years
- 14 Centre of Excellence (AIS) scholarships
- 25 Australian Representatives
- 10 NBL players
- 24 WNBL players
- A significant number of USA College Scholarships
- Countless WA Junior State Representatives
- 5 x Australian Schools Championship gold medalists, 8 x silver and 8 x bronze
- Current State Runners Up Senior Men
- Current State Runners Up Senior Women
- State Champions Senior Men 22 of the past 31 years
- State Champions Senior Women 23 of the past 31 years
- Current State Champions Junior Men
- Current State Champions Junior Women
- State Junior Champion Boys 11 of 15 years
- State Junior Champion Girls 12 of 15 years

# **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

Specialised Basketball Studies 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**

- Four hours per week within timetable developing individual skills, techniques, tactics and decision-making for basketball
- Cross training activities
- General core stability development
- Basketball specific fitness training

### **Theoretical**

- Sports nutrition and recovery
- Injury prevention and rehabilitation
- Referee, scoretable and statistics
- General coaching principles
- Mindfulness / mental skills development
- Leadership and communication skills
- Coaching qualifications

## **YEARS 11 and 12**

### **Practical**

- 2 to 3 hours per week developing basketball advanced skills, techniques and decision-making
- Basketball specific power and strength training

### **Theoretical**

- 1 to 2 hours per week in either ATAR or General Physical Education Studies with a specific focus on basketball

# SCHOOL ORGANISATION

## Staff

### Mr Michael Forsyth

Program Coordinator and Men's 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 SBL and WABL Coach  
NCAS II Coach  
Willetton SHS Coach since 2005  
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  
4 x WA State Junior representative  
Bronze Medallist U/20 Nationals  
College Scholarship NCAA Div II, Miami, Florida  
2 x Dhara Kerr B&F winner WAFLW (Sandover equivalent)  
AFLW player West Coast Eagles 2019/2020  
Willetton SHS Coach since 2016

### Mrs Deanna Black (Smith)

Program Coordinator and Head Women's Coach  
WSBL Championship Winning Head Coach with the Perry Lakes Hawks  
WSBL Head Coach Cockburn Cougars  
Two time WNBL Championship player  
WNBL All Star 5 recipient,  
WNBL Leading Scorer and Leading Free Throw Percentage awards.  
Played professionally in top European Leagues in Portugal, Italy and Russia  
Over 60 games for the Australian Opals  
Willetton SHS Coach since 2017

## Selection Process

- Complete the application form by **Thursday 12 May 2022**
- Have your current school provide a confidential reference to be returned by **Thursday 12 May 2022** (Provide them with a copy of the reference form)
- Have your current coach provide a confidential reference to be returned by **Thursday 12 May 2022** (Provide them with a copy of the reference form)
- 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 if shortlisted
- Successful applicants sent an enrollment package and Student Contract

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

## FAQs

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

Yes, we accept and enrol a limited number of students from outside our school boundary in Years 7 through to 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 their natural athletic ability, as well as their coachability and attitude
- Work ethic 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 SHS in all areas of school life
- Represent Willetton SHS in basketball when selected
- Strive to play at the highest level of club basketball available in WA

### **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 from the country or interstate.

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

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have virtually no out of school time commitment unless selected to represent Willetton SHS at senior level.
- Senior students are expected to train once a week after school and to play after school games during terms 1 and 2.

### **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 2023 intake?**

Applications and all references MUST be received via email by the school on or before **Thursday 12 May 2022**.

### **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 process is not working please contact us using the following email address

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

# IMPORTANT DATES for 2023 ENROLMENT

## Trial Dates

Students Applying for Year 7 in 2023 (Current Year 6 Students):

**GIRLS TRIALLING** for Year 7

**Wednesday 18 May**

**8.00am - 11.00am**

**Willetton Basketball Stadium**

**BOYS TRIALLING** for Year 7

**Wednesday 18 May**

**11.45am - 3.00pm**

**Willetton Basketball Stadium**

## Application

### [Basketball Application Form Year 7 2023](#)

Please apply online

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

[Coach Reference Form](#)

[School Reference Form](#)

[Coach Reference Interactive Form](#)

[School Reference Interactive Form](#)

For 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)

**ALL applications must be received by the school on or before **Thursday 12 MAY 2022****