

WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



BASKETBALL SPECIALIST PROGRAM PROSPECTUS

Year 7 - 10 in 2024 for Year 8 – 11 in 2025

*Closing date for applications **Friday 31 May 2024***

Trial Date – Thursday 6 June 2024

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 35 years
- 1 NBA drafted player
- 15 Centre of Excellence (COE) scholarships
- 25 Australian Representatives
- 11 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 24 of the past 33 years
- State Champions Senior Women 25 of the past 33 years
- Current State Champions Junior Men
- State Junior Champion Boys 13 of the past 17 years
- State Junior Champion Girls 13 of the past 17 years
- Current 3on3 Champions Year 10 Boys
- Current 3on3 Champions Year 7 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">➤ Three – four hours per week within timetabled classes developing individual skill, techniques, tactics and decision-making for basketball➤ Cross training activities➤ General core stability development➤ Basketball specific fitness training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sports nutrition and recovery➤ Injury prevention and rehabilitation➤ Referee, score table and statistics➤ General coaching principles➤ Mindfulness / mental skills development➤ Leadership and communication skills➤ Coaching qualifications➤ Health Education

Years 11 and 12

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



SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Staff



Mr Mike 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
Former NBL 1 player Perry Lakes Hawks
Current Assistant Coach NBL 1 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 31 May 2024 (Document 1)**
- Have your current school provide a confidential reference to be returned by **Friday 31 May 2024** (Provide them with a copy of the reference form) **(Document 2)**
- Have your current coach provide a confidential reference to be returned by **Friday 31 May 2024** (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 **(Document 4)**
- Email a copy of the latest NAPLAN results to:
willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au **(Document 5)**
- A receipt of invitation to trial will be provided once all five documents have been received (**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 Agreement of Commitment

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?

- Unfortunately no.

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 practical 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
- 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?

- 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 that they would be moving to Perth or Western Australia.

When do applications close for the 2025 intake?

- Applications and all references **MUST** be received via email by the school on or before **Friday 31 May 2024**.

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;

willemton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au



IMPORTANT DATES for 2025 ENROLMENT

Trial Dates

Students Applying for Year 8 - 11 in 2025 (**Current Year 7 - 10 Students**):

STUDENT TRIALLING for Years 8 - 11

Thursday 6 June

8.00am - 11.30am

Willetton Basketball Stadium

APPLICATION

[Year 8 – 11 2025 Application Form](#)

Please apply online

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

[Specialist Basketball - Willetton SHS](#)

Further information or enquiries, please contact Blair Kearsley or Mike Forsyth

at willetton.shs.basketballprogram@education.wa.edu.au

Document Summary Checklist:

- 1 – Online Application**
- 2 – Current school reference (given to teacher to complete and submit)**
- 3 – Current coach reference (given to coach to complete and submit)**
- 4 – School report (submit by email)**
- 5 – NAPLAN results (submit by email)**

ALL applications must be received by the school **on** or
before **Friday 31 May 2024**