



STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION



In 2019, the College launched Basketball as an additional sport in the Talented Athlete Program. Utilising our new gymnasium, the experienced coaches from Camden Valley "Wildfire" Basketball Association will offer basketball programs for students at the College.

In 2020, we are excited to introduce the Advanced Pathway Program for students in Years 6 – 12.

ABOUT CAMDEN VALLEY "WILDFIRE" BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION:

The Camden Valley Basketball Association, known as 'WILDFIRE', was established in 2008 to develop basketball from grassroots to the elite level in south-west Sydney. Wildfire has been very successful in establishing junior and senior programs. Recently, Camden Valley Wildfire were awarded the most improved junior representative program in Sydney. In recent years Wildfire has produced players selected to represent NSW and National Identification programs.



Wildfire Basketball has focused a great deal of resources on player, coach and referee development. This experience is what they will bring to Thomas Hassall Anglican College.

Head Coach, Mr Mathew McKenna, is the "Wildfire" Coaching Director and former Australian and NSW coach.

The College Talented Athlete Program Coordinator - Mrs. Sharon Evans (P-6 Sports Coordinator) will be overseeing the APP Basketball Program and afternoon Basketball Development programs (sevans@thac.nsw.edu.au).

ADVANCED PATHWAY PROGRAM FOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

In 2020 we are introducing the Advanced Pathway Program in Basketball. The APP Basketball Program is aimed at developing not only the player, but the team as a whole. It is designed to target students in both Junior and Senior School College Representative teams, complementing the training programs that they are committed to after College hours.

In addition to developing on-court individual and team skills, there will be an age-appropriate strength and conditioning component that will be introduced. Other components will include information about nutrition, psychology and time-management.

Another component of the APP Basketball program will be the involvement of High Performance Coaches from Basketball NSW and Basketball Australia. This will at some stage potentially include sessions by the Head of High Performance for Basketball Australia, Head of High Performance for Metro BNSW and the Head Coach of the Illawarra Hawks NBL Team. Camden Wildfire also have access to the Sydney Kings and Sydney Flames to support any of our initiatives.

Students selected in the Advanced Pathway Program will be coached and trained under the guidance of our Basketball Head Coach, Mr Mathew McKenna.

In addition to MISA and IPSSO competitions, students in the APP Basketball program will compete in NASSA Gala Days, as well as having the opportunity to follow the CIS representative pathway.

To ensure students have regular competition opportunities, they are encouraged to play for 'Wildfire' teams in the Camden Valley Basketball Association competition. Games are conducted at College on Friday evenings and weekends. Looking ahead, the College will also investigate other competitions for our students to enter.



Trials for APP Basketball Program for students in Years 6 - 12 will occur early in Term One 2020.

The program runs for 35 weeks, commencing in Week 3 of Term One.

The squad will train weekly on Monday mornings 6.50 – 7.50am.

Once selected, students remain in the program for the entire year.

Please note, no refund will be provided if your child is sick, absent or withdraws from the program.

The cost for the yearly program is \$160.00.

UNIFORM

All students in the APP Basketball program are required to purchase the APP Basketball training uniform, which consists of a double-sided training singlet and training shorts, at an approximate cost of \$50.00. Students selected in the program will be given a link to purchase uniform online at the start of the program.

BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: (3.00 – 4.00PM DAILY)

The Basketball Development Program is offered to both boys and girls from Years 1 - 9. The one hour sessions are designed to improve the skill level of each individual and cater for all abilities. Students will be involved in fun activities that develop skills and promote understanding of the game.

There are no trials for this program.

All sessions will occur from 3.00 – 4.00pm and will be conducted in the new sports facility. The Basketball Development program is 35 weeks in duration and commences in Week 3 of Term One. The year-long program continues weekly until the end of Week 7, Term Four.

What to Wear

All students enrolled in the Basketball Development Program will be given a basketball singlet, which is worn for Basketball Development sessions.

Students can wear their College PE shorts or similar training attire.

Non-marking joggers/basketball shoes must be worn for the session.

Program Costs

Students can be enrolled in 1 or more days of the Basketball Development Program and fees are payable per day enrolled, for the calendar year.

The cost for the yearly program is \$440.

Fees will be placed on your College account as a one-off yearly payment for the Basketball program. If you are on a direct debit your annual fee will be spread evenly over the full year.

Fees for the yearly program include a Basketball Development singlet supplied to all students.

Please note, no refund will be provided if your child is sick, absent or withdraws from the program.



SCHEDULE FOR THE BASKETBALL PROGRAM - 2020

TERM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 - 4	Years 3 – 6 Basketball Development Program	Years 1 – 4 Basketball Development Program	Years 6 – 9 Basketball Development Program	Years 5 – 8 Basketball Development Program
	3.00 – 4.00pm	3.00 – 4.00pm	3.00 – 4.00pm	3.00 – 4.00pm

WHAT NEXT?

Complete the registration form indicating which program you are interested in, using the College website www.thac.nsw.edu.au/book

Once registered, students interested in trialling for the Advanced Pathway Basketball program will receive an email with trial information.

Students who register for the Basketball Development programs (occur after College) will receive a confirmation email once accepted into their chosen afternoon program.



