

HEATHFIELD VOLLEYBALL

HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



Australian Volleyball Schools Cup 2014 Only 212 days to Melbourne.

Dear Parents,

8th May 2014
Letter 1 of 4

Our planning for the 2014 Australian Schools Cup is well under way. We have finished going through the coach and player feedback sheets from last year's event. There was excellent information in these feedback sheets to use in our planning for this year's event in order to make us even better. We thank both our players and our coaches for taking the time to help us improve our program.

State League/League Reserve/Div 1 and Junior League competitions are now under way so we have a better indication of the players who are making a commitment to volleyball and therefore the Melbourne trip. We also have a large group of dedicated coaches looking after all of the teams in preparation for Melbourne. It is now a very important part of the planning process to find out which players are able to **absolutely commit** to the Australian Schools Cup for 2014.

We need a personal and financial commitment for

- ✓ The State Cup, (1st, 2nd & 3rd August)
- ✓ The Nationals in Melbourne (6th —13th December)
- ✓ And, the trainings after school that these competitions will involve.
 - State Cup Tournament - Term 2 weeks 6,7,8,9,10 and week 1 term 3
 - Australian Schools Cup Term 3(on request from players and coaches, last year lots of teams trained from week 6 Term 3 onwards) all teams train Term 4 week 1,2,3,4,6,7,8

Your "intention to compete" will be lodged via the completion and return of the attached note and the payment of \$250 (AVSC deposit \$200, State Cup consent form and payment \$50) due by Friday 30th May (Week 5 Term 2)

All of this deposit will be refunded if a player cannot attend the Nationals due to injury, sickness, family circumstances or some other unforeseen event that has been discussed with the Volleyball staff.

\$100 of the deposit will not be returned after the 24th of October if a player withdraws from the trip without an acceptable reason (i.e. they don't like the team they are in). This is not the culture we are building within the squad and we would be very disappointed if a player has not yet understood what it takes to be a part of Heathfield's "Big Team". With potentially 28 teams and a very stringent and ongoing selection process which tries very hard to do the best for both players and the overall squad we cannot guarantee that all players will make the team they are aiming for, in fact this is impossible.

Our history is full of players who finally made it (and made it big time) through perseverance and a good deal of determination. These are our truly great players. As parents we seek your support with this notion.

Clearly bookings have to be made now; our planning for the 2014 event will not be able to consider any player who has not returned their intention to compete note and the \$250.00 payment by Friday 30th May.

If there is any difficulty with the deposit please contact the school Business Manager Catherine Farrent to make alternative payment arrangements and discussion with the volleyball staff to let us know what is happening.

We anticipate the cost will be the same as last year which was **\$950.00** which is again considerably less than other schools. At this price it will be a very tight budget, with anticipated increases in all areas, we will have very little room to move if people pull out. The cost includes transport, dinner at a restaurant in Lygon Street on the Saturday night we arrive in Melbourne, match and nomination fees, dinner, bed and breakfast, tea the last night before we leave; photographs, DVD production, Physiotherapy and the occasional treat.

The school will post an invoice which will include the deposit for the AVSC (\$200) and State Cup payment (\$50). The remaining balance will follow when the final cost has been confirmed. Parents are welcome to start making payments in stages and also to pay by credit card on a monthly basis if desired. (This facility is very useful and is used by many families as it saves big bills just before Christmas.)

We ask that you discuss your child's participation in this event so that as a family you are happy to commit to the payment and the Term 2, 3 and 4 training regime. Once we have a definite list of players we can go the next step and finalise the coaches, managers and teachers.

Please note that players cannot be considered in further planning for this event unless the \$200 deposit and a firm indication of attendance is received from their family by Friday 30th of May

**Please remember the Melbourne trip fund raising QUIZ NIGHT.
Thursday 23rd October — tickets available from the 11th August.
Students can make over \$100 / table.**

For parents planning on attending the competition the playing dates are
Opening ceremony Sunday evening 7th December — Finals on Friday 12th December.

All parents are invited to our "Big Team" final presentation meeting at 8.30pm at Ormond College on Friday 12th December.

We will arrive back at school on Saturday 13th December at 9.00am.

State Cup 2014

SA School Championships (State Cup):

The State Cup is the most important school state volleyball event on our calendar. It is the qualifying event for the National Schools Cup in Melbourne. If we do well in the South Australian State Cup we are allowed to enter teams in the elite higher divisions at the nationals. If we do poorly then we have to enter in the lower divisions. We may even have trouble entering teams if our teams do not show themselves to be at a level that would be expected at the National Schools Cup.

Getting into a State Cup team:

If you intend competing in Melbourne you need to be selected in a team for the State Cup. The attached consent notes and money are due **Friday 30th May** to the school cashier. The **first draft** of the State Cup teams will be posted on the Sports Centre notice board before the deposit is due and therefore subject to change according to the responses from the "intention to compete" forms.

State Cup team training:

State Cup teams will commence training with their coaches in Week 6 of Term 2. Teams will train once or twice a week. When and where will be determined by the teams and their coach and options will include training before or after school.

Please note players can lose their place in their team if they do not attend their team trainings. **If you have to miss training because of a doctor's appointment or something equally important you must see Mia, Lachy, Stuart or Peter BEFORE THE TRAINING.** We expect full attendance at all trainings and rolls will be taken. The coaches have made a commitment for State Cup and National Schools Cup. We are training to defend our **NATIONAL TITLE OF AUSTRALIA.**

State Cup tournament:

All players will be required to play on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August.

We will supply buses on the Friday to get you down to your venue. Teams will finish at varying time on Friday and players will need to organize their own transport home.

If you have other sport during the weekend you will have to work times with your coaches. Volleyball SA will try to minimize matches that will clash with junior football, netball and soccer but, realize Volleyball SA have a major national qualifying tournament to run in 3 days. If you cannot play your team may have to forfeit matches. We will help with this if we can, if we receive enough notice.

Volleyball Quiz Night:

The Heathfield Volleyball Program (with help from parents) hold a quiz night every year to raise money for the Melbourne trip. This quiz night is big with 50 plus tables, great fun and is very special because all the money raised by the players is kept by the players. If your child raises \$120 through ticket sales and the money left in the centre of their table at the end of the night then they keep that money. We do ask that parents help with the supply of prizes and these can be left at the volleyball office at any time.



Stuart Scott
SIV Manager

Alistair Brown
Principal

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AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP (AVSC) DEPOSIT and STATES SCHOOL CUP Payment

I wish _____ (Student's name) to be considered for a position in a team for the 2014 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

- States Schools Cup 1st, 2nd & 3rd August 2014
- AVSC is in Melbourne, we depart on 6th – arrive back Sat 13th Dec 2014.
- We enclose the AVSC deposit and State Cup payment of \$250 (Payable to the school cashier)
- With the understanding that deposit may be refunded in line with the team selection criteria as outlined above.

Parent/Caregiver Signature:.....

Return with deposit to the cashier's office by Friday 30th May 2014