

# HEATHFIELD VOLLEYBALL

HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



## Australian Volleyball Schools Cup 2015 Only 221 days to Melbourne.

Dear Parents,

28<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Letter 1 of 4

Our planning for the 2015 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 starting this week so we will 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 2015.

We need a personal and financial commitment for

- ✓ The State Cup, (31<sup>st</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August)
- ✓ The Nationals in Melbourne (5<sup>th</sup> —12<sup>th</sup> 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 and 2 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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2015 event will not be able to consider any player who has not returned their intention to compete note and the \$250.00 payment by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of 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 similar 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 Monday the 11th of May.**

**Please let us know if you are not intending to play in this years AVSC.**

For parents planning on attending the competition the playing dates are  
**Opening ceremony Sunday evening 6<sup>th</sup> December — Finals on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

**All parents are invited to our "Big Team" final presentation meeting at 8.30pm at Ormond College on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

We will arrive back at school on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am.

## State Cup 2015

### **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 **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of 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.

### **State Cup tournament:**

All players will be required to play on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of July, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of 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.

**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 2015 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

- States Schools Cup 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August
- AVSC is in Melbourne, we depart on 5<sup>th</sup> – arrive back Sat 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- 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 MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2015