

HEATHFIELD VOLLEYBALL

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Australian Volleyball Schools Cup 2016 Only 205 days to Melbourne.

Dear Parents,

17th May 2016
Letter 1 of 4

Our planning for the 2016 Australian Schools Cup is well under way. We have finished going through the coach and player feedback surveys from last year's event. There was excellent information in these feedback surveys to use in our planning for this years 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 have started 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 Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC) for 2016.

We need a personal and financial commitment for

- ✓ The State Cup, (5th, 6th and 7th of August)
- ✓ The AVSC in Melbourne (3rd —10th December)
- ✓ And, the trainings after school that these competitions will involve.
 - State Cup Tournament - Term 2 weeks 5,6,7,8,9,10 and Week 1 and 2 Term 3
 - AVSC trainings 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

Your "intention to compete" will be lodged via the completion and return of the attached note and the payment of \$350 (AVSC deposit \$300, State Cup consent form and payment \$50) due by Monday 30th May (Week 5 Term 2)

Clearly bookings and deposits have to be made now; it is critical for our planning for the 2016 event to be as economical with booking the number and sizes of busses, accommodation, the number of teams entered and number of players in each team etc. As we intend to take everyone in the program who has met all of the criteria, we must have accurate numbers to work with. As such we will not be in a position to consider any player who has not returned their intention to compete note and the \$350.00 payment by Monday 30th of May.

Deposit return:

A meeting with Volleyball staff, student and parents will be required if a player cannot attend the AVSC but has paid the deposit.

28th October:

At his stage entries have been submitted and we are already committed financially to all sections of the budget and we cannot carry the losses that will be created after this date. All of the \$300 deposit will not be returned.

30th September:

Final team entries are not due at his stage but all other sections are committed. \$200 of the deposit will not be returned.

5th August:

We are committed to state cup and several other facets of the budget. \$100 of the deposit will not be returned.

Unacceptable reasons could be something as basic as 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 22 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. The resilience shown by these people make them our truly great players.

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.

Cost for Melbourne:

Volleyball Australia doubled the entry fee last year, well after we set the fees but then gave us a discount, so we were able to absorb the cost. There is no discount this year so the entry fee alone has gone up \$50 per person so we anticipate the cost will be around **\$1,030.00**. Even 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 all 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, a new polo shirt and the occasional treat.

The school will post an invoice which will include the deposit for the AVSC (\$300) 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.) Please pay another \$300 by September 1st and the full amount will be due Friday 28th October.

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 let us know if you are not intending to play in this year's AVSC.

For parents planning on attending the competition the playing dates are
Opening ceremony Sunday evening 4th December — Finals on Friday 9th December.

All parents are invited to our "Big Team" final presentation meeting at 8.30pm at Ormond College on Friday 9th December.

We will arrive back at school on Saturday 10th December at 9.00am.

State Cup 2016

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 AVSC 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. The results of each team guide where teams are nominated in the AVSC.

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 30th 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" and "team selection" forms.

State Cup team training:

State Cup teams will commence training with their coaches in Week 5 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 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 and expect everyone to train hard so there are no regrets in Melbourne.

State Cup tournament:

All players will be required to play on Friday 5th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 7th of August. We will supply buses on the Friday to get you down to your venue. Teams will finish at varying times 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.

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Acting 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 2016 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

- States Schools Cup 5th, 6th and 7th of August
- AVSC is in Melbourne, we depart on 3rd – arrive back Saturday 10th December 2016.
- We enclose the AVSC deposit and State Cup payment of \$350 (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 30TH OF MAY 2016