

SAASTA ELITE NETBALL PROGRAM



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Dear Principal/Teacher,

In 2016, South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy is very proud to announce the continuation of the partnership between SAASTA and Netball SA in the form of the SAASTA Elite Netball Program (SENP). The program follows on from a highly successful year for all of our SAASTA Elite Sporting Academies.

The SAASTA Elite Netball Program (SENP) is a partnership between SAASTA and key stakeholders; Netball SA and TAFE SA. Students will study Certificate III in Sport and Recreation every Tuesday morning, accessing TAFE and Netball SA facilities and equipment. In the afternoon they will work with the SAASTA Elite Netball Program Coach, as well as various experienced Netball SA staff & coaches, in order to develop their netball skills and knowledge.

Eligibility for the Academy: there are a number of 'Key Performance Indicators' which students will be required to achieve and maintain, which include but are not limited to:

- Be enrolled to study the SACE at a South Australian Education Department school
- Maintain a minimum 80% attendance rate across all subjects throughout the 2016 school year
- Achieve academic success in all subjects (C grade or better)
- Adhere at all times to the schools behaviour management code
- Be identified as a talented netballer.

**Trial dates – Wednesday 4th November (5:30 pm – 7:00pm) – Fitness Testing
and Sunday 7th December (10:00am – 12:45pm) – Skills & Match Play**

* Girls must attend both trials which will be held at Priceline Stadium, 155 Railway Terrace, Mile End.

The SAASTA Elite Netball Program will commence in week 2 of term 1 of the 2015 school year with students required to attend the program every Tuesday for 30 weeks (Term 1-3). During this time students will be enrolled to study the Certificate III in Sport & Recreation which will contribute up to 50 Stage 2 credits toward their SACE. Students who have already completed their Certificate III qualification will study a sports-science based Stage 2 subject worth 20 credits.

Weekly sessions will be split between a range of theory and practical tasks related to the qualification and will be delivered by expert lecturers from the Regency Campus of TAFE SA in conjunction with SAASTA staff. Students will have the opportunity to interact with Adelaide Thunderbird athletes through the Netball SA Beach Energy 3 Cheers Community Program. Topics covered in this program include areas of Nutrition, Mind and Body and are delivered by elite netballers. Netball SA are currently developing the skill development content and sourcing suitable accredited coaching staff for the program and will involve elite players and specialist coaches where possible.

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The girls will play a curtain-raiser before the Thunderbirds Indigenous Round game and compete against regional and interstate teams where applicable. It is also planned to travel interstate (last year's students travelled to Sydney for match play and to watch the Australian Diamonds compete at the Netball World Cup) and to compete in upcoming carnivals at least once through-out the year.

The primary focus of the academy will be to assist schools in driving the retention and success rate of Indigenous students in the SACE compared to their non-Indigenous counterparts. Additionally students will be engaged, supported and encouraged to progress their abilities and reach their dreams of a career in netball.

It is important to note that each students place in the academy hinges on their overall schooling success therefore we will make it our priority to cause as little interruption to the remainder of their subjects as possible.

Students wanting to be a part of the 2016 academy will be required to gain a referee statement from a senior leader/principal at their school to attach with their registration forms prior to trials. Completed forms must be returned to SAASTA or Netball SA by Friday 30th October.

Please forward this information on to Aboriginal students in your school that have considerable netball talent.

An information session for staff and parents will follow the trials for successful students providing details about the educational requirements of the program and the impact it may have on their schooling.

If you have any questions regarding this exciting program please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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