



GRAMMAR BASKETBALL 2017-18

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The basketball season for 2017-18 starts in the first week of Term 4 and continues throughout Term 1 of next year. If your child would like to play basketball then please note the following information:

REGISTRATION

- **The 2017-18 Grammar Basketball Club registrations will be done online. Please follow the link to the Registration form which is with this letter at <http://www.bcgs.wa.edu.au/portal/sport/summer-sport>**
- Please follow the instructions on the website and ensure that you receive a confirmation email.
- Students who register for a basketball team are making a commitment for the entire summer season.

AGE CUT OFFS

- The Bunbury Basketball Association's age cut offs fall in line with current school years. THE BBA has changed the competition structure for lower grades and therefore the following age groups will apply in 2017-18 (according to dates of birth (DOB)):
 - U19 1/7/99 - 30/6/02 (Year 10, 11 and 12)
 - U16 1/7/02 - 30/6/04 (Year 8 and 9)
 - U14 1/7/04 - 30/6/06 (Year 6 and 7)
 - Year 5
 - Year 4
 - Year 3 ** All Year 1 – 5 students can play in their school year regardless of Date of Birth
 - Year 2
 - Year 1
- **Please Note:
Year 12 students
must also commit
to Term 1 2018**

TEAMS

- BBA fixtures will be on the following days:
 - Year 1,2,3 – Friday afternoon/Saturday morning
 - Year 4 and 5 – (Boys) Monday afternoon and some Friday afternoon
 - Year 4 and 5 – (Girls) Thursday afternoon
 - Under 14, 16 and 19 Girls – Tuesday afternoon/evening
 - Under 14, 16 and 19 Boys – Wednesday afternoon/evening
- BBA may be having TWO divisions in Under 14 - Under 19. Please indicate in which division you would prefer your child to play.
- **ANY PLAYER WISHING TO NOMINATE U/14 – U/19 A DIVISION TEAMS WILL NEED TO ATTEND SELECTION TRIALS FOR THESE TEAMS.**
- **The trials** will be held during week 9 and this information will be given to those students wishing to trial.

For all U16 and U19 B Division teams, students will be given the opportunity to play with their friends. Please indicate who they would like to play in the space provided on the online form. **If there are any special considerations that we need to take note of when selecting teams (ie. travel arrangements etc.) please indicate in the space provided on the form.**
- There are games scheduled during the week after we finish school in December (Monday 11th – Saturday 16th) and it is expected that all players (except Boarding students) make



themselves available for the game during this week. If a student will not be able to do this, please contact Mr Reid or Mr Duff as soon as possible.

- The Under 14-19 age groups follow the normal school year dates. If a student's birth date falls outside the normal age range for that year they may need to play in the next grade up. They may be granted a dispensation to play with their school year but this will need to be applied for.
- Players will be placed in the relevant age groups (according to their DOB). If parents want their child to play up an age group, please contact Mr Reid as soon as possible so that this can be discussed.

TIMELINE

- **The timeline for registration is as follows:**
 - Friday 1 September Online nomination form needs to be completed
 - Week 9 Trials
 - Friday 15 September Teams published

PARENT HELP

- Basketball has grown significantly over the last 5 years. As such we can no longer provide staff coaches for all teams. We need a greater commitment from parents and friends if we are going to field a large number of teams. **No team will be nominated if they do not have an adult manager or coach who can be at games and trainings.** We will provide coaching training and support for parents who are willing and able to get on board. We will provide some students to assist in coaching but they will need an adult manager. If you know of any quality basketball coaches who may be interested in coaching one of our teams, please let Mr Reid know in the space provided in the online booking sheet and the School will make contact with them.
- Scoring – At every game we need one scorer. We need parents to be involved in a roster to ensure the onus is not on a few. We are arranging to run a scoring course at the School for any interested parents.
- Referees- the association is always looking for referees and we have a large representation of Grammar students currently refereeing so if you would like to earn a little pocket money while learning a skill please contact me and I will pass on your details to the Bunbury Basketball Association.

COSTS

- The following APPROXIMATE costs apply per team member:
 - Year 1-3 \$160
 - Year 4-5 \$170
 - Under 14 \$190
 - Under 16 \$210
 - Under 19 \$230

These fees include all Team Registration fees, WA Basketball fees, Umpiring and Entry (Court Hire) fees.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES

Students that played in the BBA competition last year **do not** need to attach a copy of their Birth Certificate with their permission form. However, students who are new to the BBA competition **must** provide a copy of their Birth Certificate. **Students who are moving to Grammar Basketball Club from an existing Bunbury Club will need a Transfer Notice. Please see Mr Reid to collect a transfer form. Both the Birth Certificate and Clearance Forms must be returned to Mr Reid**



UNIFORMS

All players will receive a team uniform shirt and shorts to play in and they will need to return it to the School at the end of the season.

TRAINING AND GAMES

It is an expectation that all students who commit to play basketball will attend all training sessions and matches with a positive attitude. If a player cannot make a session then it is expected that the player will contact their coach and explain their absence. Basketball is a team game and players who do not follow these reasonable expectations are letting their team down.

INJURY AND MEDICAL DETAILS

Please can parents list in the space provided, any medical details of which the coach **MUST BE AWARE** in order to provide your son or daughter with a safe playing environment. If there is an Action Plan required to manage any particular condition, this needs to be given to Mr Reid so that it can be passed on to the coach concerned. We have some coaches who are not BCGS staff members, who are parents or who may be from beyond the School community, who will need this information if they are to provide your child with a suitable, safe training and playing environment.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

BBA fixtures and results are kept up to date on Sporting Pulse. We encourage all players to regularly monitor the Sporting Pulse site:

http://www.sportingpulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-3637-100072-193488-16360081&a=TEAMS&

COMMUNICATION

As part of the communication process we need to pass on contact details to coaches and managers, some of whom may be parents or may be from beyond the School community. Please can I ask you to let us know if you do not want your details (ie contact phone numbers (mobile and landline), email addresses) passed on to parent coaches or managers. Please remember that if details are not passed onto parent coaches then you may miss important information, such as fixture changes.

If anyone has any queries concerning basketball, please contact me on 97226133 or Mr Benjamin Duff (Primary) on 97226100.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jason Reid and Mr Benjamin Duff
(Teachers-In-Charge of Basketball)
August 7, 2017