



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Surveys

The TTFM survey gathers valuable information about your child's experiences at Finley High School which we will use to help improve our school. Earlier this year our students participated in TTFM surveys. Now we are asking parents to do the same. The surveys are conducted online and are completely anonymous; there is no way any answers can be tracked back to an individual.

It will only take about 15 minutes of your time and can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

[https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j\\_acegi\\_security\\_check?j\\_user\\_name=parent12643](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_user_name=parent12643)

This should take you to a green login page. Enter the username and password listed below.

**Username: parent12643**

**Password: Fin8360**

I have attached a FAQ and Parent explanation sheet to the newsletter should you require more information but you don't need to read these to complete the survey.

If you can't access the internet at home feel free to contact me at the school and I'll arrange a computer for you at school to do the survey.

We are hoping for a high response rate from parents so please get on board. You have until the 19<sup>th</sup> October to complete the survey.

Tricia Jackson  
Deputy Principal

## Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Four, a traditionally busy term featuring HSC Exams, reports, Year Ten excursion and work experience, Rollover and Presentation Night. Stay tuned!...

## New Deputy Principal

I am pleased to report that Mrs Tricia Jackson has been successful in being appointed as the permanent Deputy Principal of Finley High School. Tricia has relieved in this position over the past two years and has done an outstanding job. I extend to her my congratulations and we all look forward to working with Tricia in her "new" role.

## KEY DATES

### October

- 9** Blue Day
- 12** HSC Exams commence
- 14** P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room.
- 19-23** **Year Ten Work Experience**
- 25-31** Year Ten Excursion
- 30** P&C raffle fundraiser at the Finley Bowling Club. 6:30pm

### November

- 4** HSC Exams conclude
- 9** School Rollover
- 10** Years Eleven and Twelve Tertiary Trip to Albury

## **HSC Examinations**

Year Eleven and Year Twelve students will commence their HSC exams next week. The first examination is English next Monday and Tuesday and exams will conclude with Visual Arts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. I wish all students every success in their exams and hope that they are using their study time away from school wisely. All exams, apart from English, will be in the MPR. English exams will be in the hall.

## **Defibrillator**

Year Twelve, 2015 have presented to the school a defibrillator which may be used in an emergency in the school. On the last Professional Learning Day of the year, all teachers will be completing their First Aid Training updates and will be trained in how to use our defibrillator. I would like to formally thank Year Twelve for their fundraising efforts which have allowed Finley High School to have a defibrillator.

## **New School Captains**

At the farewell assembly for Year Twelve, the 2016 School Captains were announced. It is with great pleasure that I can welcome Grant-Patrick Smith and Jorja Daniel as our new School Captains and Joshua Barrett and Chelsea Dempster as our new Vice Captains. I am sure they will all contribute positively to the leadership in the school.

## **Year Ten Exams**

Year Ten will commence their end of year exams next week. All students have been issued with an exam timetable. They will have formal exams in English, Maths, Science, History and PDHPE. It is essential that all Year Ten students attend these exams and attempt them to the best of their ability. If they are sick on the morning of the exams, they are expected to call the school and leave a message for Mr Lethbridge. Failure to do this may result in a zero mark for the exam and may place their movement into Year Eleven in jeopardy.

## **Year Ten Work Experience**

A part of the learning journey for all students in high school is their participation in work experience. Year Ten will complete their second work placement for the year in Week Three. Students should contact their employer in the next week to confirm their work experience arrangements and contact Mrs White or Mrs O'Bryan if there is a problem. To be able to organise their work placement and communicate with employers is an important skill for students to have as they look to enter the workforce. I encourage all parents to support their students in their efforts. I do hope all Year Ten students enjoy their work experience in Week Three and find it very worthwhile.

## **Year Ten Excursion**

After work experience, Year Ten will embark on an excursion to the Gold Coast. This excursion marks the end of their junior schooling and is a great time to bond together as they start study in the senior school. Students have been saving for this trip since Year Nine and should enjoy the activities offered on the coast. Those students who are not going on the excursion should attend school. Collapsed classes will run in each subject for the week. Bon voyage to all those attending the excursion.

## **Melbourne Show**

Over forty students spent part of their holidays at the Melbourne Show working with and parading the school cattle – dairy and beef. Once again our students represented themselves with enthusiasm and brought credit to themselves and their school. I would like to thank the Mr and Mrs O'Leary, Mr and Mrs O'Hara, Mr Webb and the many parents who travelled to Melbourne to assist with supervision, support and food preparation.

## Rollover

A reminder to parents that the school will “roll over” on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This means that Year Seven will commence Year Eight; Year Eight will commence Year Nine etc. We do this to enable Year Twelve to complete their Preliminary and HSC studies under the college model. It is important that students come prepared on this day with books to start their new year. Book packs will be available in the coming weeks from the canteen. Students in older years should purchase similar workbooks to those they had in Years Seven and Eight for each subject they are doing. I encourage students to ask their current teachers or the Head Teachers if they are unsure.

Mrs H McRae  
Principal

## SToMP

Last term students interested in promoting positive Mental Health were asked to volunteer to attend the annual Youth Mental Health Forum in Wodonga. A small but dedicated team of students in Years Nine and Ten attended and since then have combined to make our amazing SToMP group. SToMP stands for **Student Team on Mental Positivity**.

At the forum they had a day full of interesting facts and activities; professional panels, interacting plays and guest speakers. They came away enthusiastic to implement Mental Health and Wellbeing strategies throughout Finley High School.

At the end of Term Three the group facilitated their first activity; **R U OK? Day**. This is a National Day where people are encouraged to ask others if they are ok, meaningfully. This is encouraged to break down the stigma of asking for help when things aren't going quite right. Staff wore yellow and students were invited to join in fun activities at lunch. This day was a success, with students from all year groups getting involved.



Above: Clay, Rory and Dana participating in the sack race.





Above: Josh, Isaac and Hamish ready for egg and spoon race.



Above: Max and Rory, pairing up for the three legged the race.



Left: Lachlan and Jack playing giant chess.



The second activity for STOMP will be held this Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. **Blue Day** is in support of Mental Health Month, students' have been shown different websites to support positive mental health in roll call, this week. On Friday, students are encouraged to wear blue for a gold coin donation. Again there will be lunch time activities, a BBQ (\$2 for a sausage sandwich) and at the canteen students can purchase blue slushies or hedgehogs with blue icing.

We look forward to updating you all with what STOMP is up to in the future!

Ellen Downey, Brittany Scott and Jodi Brown

## Careers News

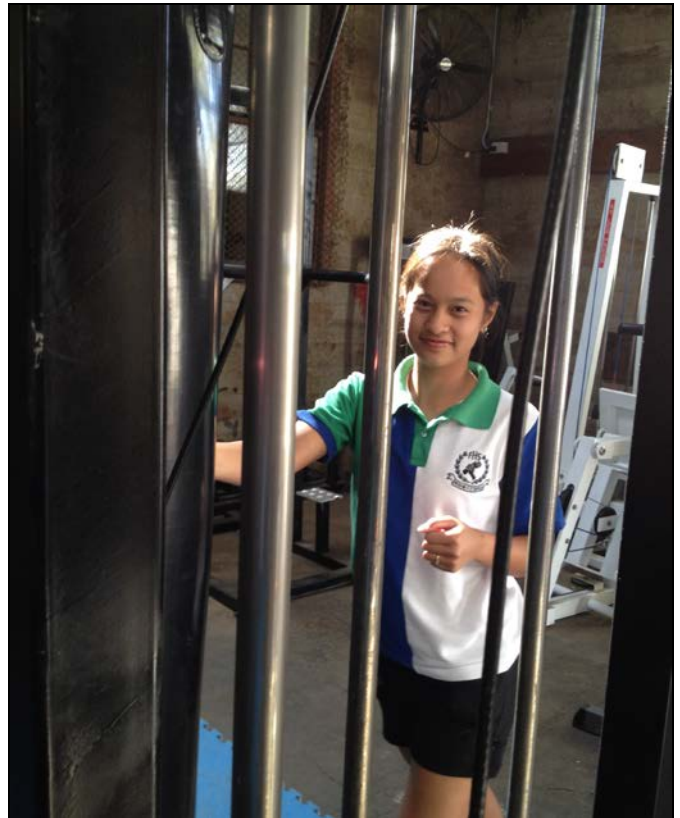
### Personal Training Options Available Locally

In the last weeks of Term Three Finley High School had the pleasure of visiting HQ Gym in Finley and talking with owner Ryan Lock about the field of personal training. Students have the option of undertaking a Certificate III in Personal Trainer training through HQ Gym under Ryan's expertise and guidance. Students can complete the training and then work in the fitness industry not only locally but in most cases where ever they end up. For some this offers a great career opportunity whilst for others a great stepping stone to other courses or great pocket money whilst studying. Some students have signed on for work experience with HQ Gym, whilst others have taken Ryan up on his generous offer of a few free sessions to test the water and to determine whether this is a possible career for them. Students also enjoyed a wander through the well equipped gym, with many first time visitors being amazed with the options available to them.

We would like to thank Ryan and his team for hosting the classes and for the support he provides to the Careers Department at Finley High School.



Above: Thomas Magouliotis and Jade Buckley doing a quick PT session



Above: Yami De Peralta showing the boys how to box.

## **Work Experience Year Ten**

A reminder to Year Ten students and parents that Work Experience commences on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

This is the second and final block placement and all forms including accommodation and travel forms should now be in to Careers Staff. Students will attend a final meeting in Week 2 to receive their Work Experience envelope which will contain a copy of the Placement Record, Work Experience Diary, Evaluation form and final checklist.

Students should be seeing Careers Staff now if there are any queries or problems, and most importantly, make a reminder phone call to their employer.

We wish the students the best of luck and hope for an enjoyable and worthwhile week of learning.

## **Albury Wodonga Tertiary Tour Years Eleven and Twelve**

The Year Eleven and Twelve Albury Wodonga Tertiary Tour is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This is a tour of regionally based Tertiary options and their campuses. It is open to the upcoming Year Eleven and Year Twelve cohorts and will include visits to La Trobe Wodonga, Charles Sturt University Thurgoona as well as Wodonga TAFE. Interested students must see Careers Staff for a note and have \$15 in to the office as soon as possible as it is a first in first goes basis.

## **Year Twelve School Leavers**

We would like to wish Year Twelve students all the very best in their final exams over the next few weeks and have been very happy to hear of some Early Entry success for some students. Students should be checking their emails for Careers news and can contact us if help is needed with applications, accommodation, and scholarship information.

Jacqui O'Bryan and Deb White  
Career Advisers

## **Raffle Fundraiser at the Finley Bowling Club**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**at Finley Bowling Club**  
**Raffles commence at 7:30pm**  
**Meals are available from 6pm.**

**Finley High School P&C are the recipients for the raffles fundraiser. All proceeds of the raffle will be donated to Finley High School P&C.**

**Donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated, please drop prizes into the front office or bring them on the night.**

**Thank you for your support, we hope to see many parents come along. For more information please contact Suzanne Robertson on 0417 405 107.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number  
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105  
....LADIES, Please note 10am start....

### October

9	T Jones and J Burdon
12	M Kleinschmidt, M Read
13	F Aull
14	J Blackmore
15	B Agosta
16	D Thomas, T Clarke
19	C Pitt, H Mortlock
20	C Alexander
21	V Bryce
22	T Roe
23	K Barry, M Haintz

## Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
7pm in the staff common room.

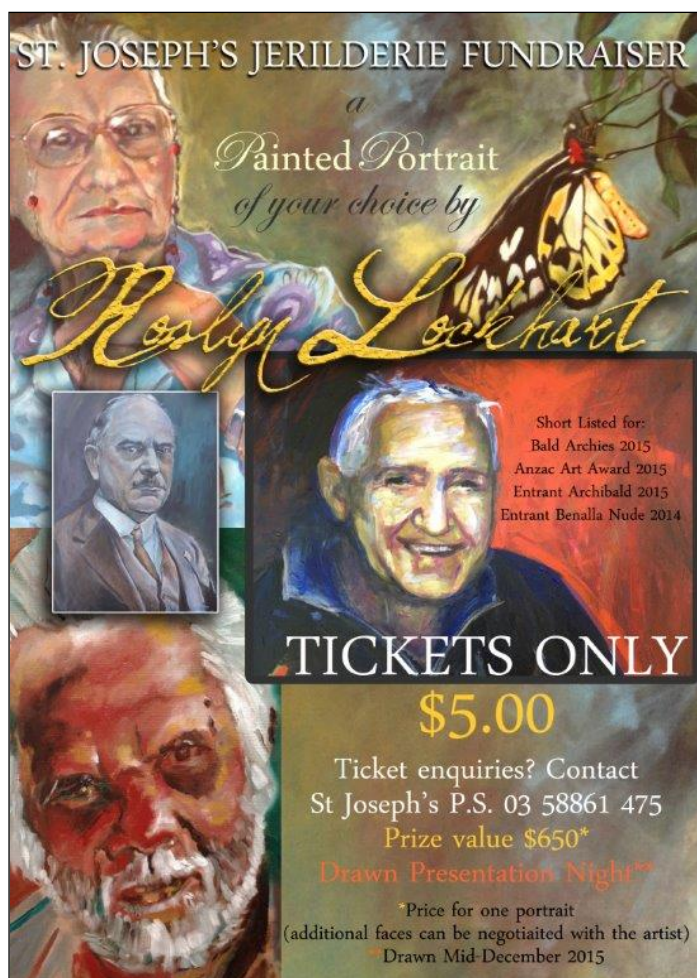
The P&C meet every second  
Wednesday of the month.  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

ST. JOSEPH'S JERILDERIE FUNDRAISER

a  
*Painted Portrait  
of your choice by*

*Roslyn Lockhart*



Short Listed for:  
Bald Archies 2015  
Anzac Art Award 2015  
Entrant Archibald 2015  
Entrant Benalla Nude 2014

**TICKETS ONLY**

**\$5.00**

Ticket enquiries? Contact  
St Joseph's P.S. 03 58861 475  
Prize value \$650\*  
**Drawn Presentation Night\*\***

\*Price for one portrait  
(additional faces can be negotiated with the artist)  
\*\*Drawn Mid-December 2015

Finley Public School

Presents

**Cinderella  
& Rockerella**

A modern day twist on the classic  
fairy tale

When: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

Time: 11:30am - Matinee  
6:30pm - Main Performance

Where: Finley High School Hall

Come and see the  
**'Greatest Show in Town'**



# Tell Them From Me parent survey

## Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

### 1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

### 2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions aim at understanding parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication, activities and practices at home and the school's support of learning and behaviour.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents participation at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

### 3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open for all NSW government schools to participate in at no cost to them. Your school has taken up this offer.

### 4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspective on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff,

activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour all help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

### 5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?

The parent survey is complementary to the *Tell Them From Me* student survey that your child may have been asked to participate in. These surveys are offered (along with a teacher survey) to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

### 6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours.

### 7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.



## 8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. To ensure confidentiality, schools will be provided with a unique URL for all survey users. Where fewer than five parents respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

## 9. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders may use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the Department,

including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between parents and student's engagement and wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the Department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

## 10. When will the Partners in Learning survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 17th August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 16th October 2015 (Week 2, Term 4).

### What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education and Communities, within the Office of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: [www.cese.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au)

### What is *The Learning Bar*?

*The Learning Bar* is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys for both primary and secondary students. Its survey, *Tell Them From Me*, is the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of Canada's ten provinces. More than 2,600 schools and 1.7 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last nine years.

*The Learning Bar* is led by Dr J Douglas Willms. Dr Willms is a Professor and Director of the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy at the University of New Brunswick, and holds the Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. Dr Willms led the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com)

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: [TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone: 9561 8688 /9561 8331 /9561 8370.

## *Tell Them From Me:* Partners in Learning survey



You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

### **Why should I participate?**

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

### **What does it involve?**

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

### **How can I participate?**

You can access the survey in your own time, between now and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to participate please contact Mrs Jackson who will organise access at the school for you.

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>





# *Community Announcements*

## **Finley Amateur Swimming Club**

Registration night for Learn to Swim and Squad will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at the Finley Apex Sports and Community Centre from 6pm to 8pm.

Registration and training fees will be due at this time with a 20% discount on training fees if paid on the day. Registration fees - \$60 swimmer, \$20 non-swimmer. There are limited places so first in best dressed. Further information please contact Terri-Lea Anderson on 0418503259

## **Jerilderie Tennis Season 2015**

Term 4 – Friday Night Tennis Competition will start 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Six weeks \$20 per person comp fee. Names to David Leeds – [leedsfamily@harboursat.com.au](mailto:leedsfamily@harboursat.com.au)

Family Tennis Fun Night - 9<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm, gold coin donation. BBQ, games, lots of fun, all welcome.

## **Trivia Night**

Finley Bowling Club will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 7pm. Cost is \$5, tables of 5 to 8 people. BYO nibbles, cash prizes. Please contact Finley Bowling Club on 58 831 324 to book a table.

## **Community Forum**

Use of the illicit drug, crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as 'ICE' is increasing in county Victoria, New South Wales and impacting on our society. In response Deniliquin Council invites all members of our community and surrounding areas to attend a public forum.

ICE – everything you need to know. Topics covered include: What is 'ICE' and how does it work? Short and long term physical, psychological and social effects, signs and symptoms of dependency, impact on family and friends, what can you do to help? Guest speakers include recovering addict Jake, Crios O'Mahony from the Penington Institute, audience members will also have an opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with a panel of Deniliquin region stakeholders and support agencies.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 6pm to 8pm at Deniliquin RSL Club Auditorium.

To register your attendance please email [simone.tonkin@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au](mailto:simone.tonkin@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au)

## **Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Jerilderie**

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE parents' workshop will be conducted by David Riches on Wednesday November 4 at the Monash Room (behind the library) from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David on 0434 964764 now to reserve your place, or email [saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com](mailto:saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com)



# ASPECT NSW in Finley

TUESDAY DEC 1ST  
4-6PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2ND  
9.30—11AM

## INFORMATION AND QUESTION TIME

UNITING CHURCH HALL  
CORNER COREE AND WOLLAMAI ST,  
FINLEY 2713

*ALL FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS WELCOME*

*BOOKINGS REQUIRED*

RSVP: 0358885188  
0407 503 902





# Stepping Stones Triple P



## Does your child have a disability?

Is this you? Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, **The Berrigan Shire Council Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS)** invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following **FREE : Primary Care Group Triple P Stepping Stones**

**Where:** The Finley Library meeting room, 223-229 Murray Street Finley 2713  
You have the opportunity to attend either the day session or the night session. This accommodates for the varying needs of families

Dates : October 28 <sup>th</sup>	times 10am -12	7pm -9pm
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	7pm -9pm
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	7pm – 9pm
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am- 12	7pm – 9pm

A short survey (approximately 20mins of time ) will need to be filled out prior to commencing the course

Contact Your local ECIS manager - Margaret Graham  
Ph : 0358 885 188  
Mobile :0407 503 902  
Email : [margaretg@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:margaretg@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au)



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# Cobram Basketball Academy

## **Junior Learn to Play**

Wednesday 14 Oct – to Wednesday 02 Dec  
5.30-6.30pm \$2.00 per session - Ages 6 to 9

## **Intermediate Skills Training**

Wednesday 14 Oct – to Wednesday 02 Dec  
5.30-6.30pm \$2.00 per session - Ages 10 - 14

## **Advanced Skills Training**

Wednesday 14 Oct – to Wednesday 02 Dec  
6.30-7.30pm \$5.00 per session - Ages based on skill



**It is recommended you commit to the 8 week programme**

*These sessions have been heavily subsidised by the Cobram Basketball Association*

## **The purpose of the Academy**

- Provide ongoing junior development programs to improve all players skill levels and knowledge of the game in a fun learning environment.
- Further promote basketball within our community
- Potentially develop representative squads for future tournaments
- Improve numbers for our domestic competitions
- Grow our club culture

## **Academy Head Coach**

The committee has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Lana Young to lead both of these programs. Lana relocated to our area from the Gold Coast 2 years ago.

- Has over 15 years of coaching experience.
- Head Coach of representative teams and Academy programs specialising in skill development.
- 20 years playing experience, was a member of the training squad for Logan WNBL, played in QABL league and represented in State Teams.
- Off the court has been a social worker, worked in the AFL and has completed intensive leadership training.



Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the committee via email [cobrambasketball@outlook.com](mailto:cobrambasketball@outlook.com)