

2 July 2025

EKC Sports Academy Information and Application Form

Dear parents/guardians,

Please see below information regarding our Sports Academy programs.

Basketball Academy Program

approx. \$350 per semester

- Sessions will be held weekly in the Niddrie gym on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings from 7:30am starting Week 3 Term 1
- Our head coach Mike Spears, brings over 30 years of experience having trained at the Michael Jordan Academy in the USA and works closely with our partners at Keilor Thunder to provide a highly engaging program for student athletes.
- Program includes a weekly training session, an EKC Sports Academy training top and priority access to competitions such as the Victorian College Champs and Basketball Victoria 3x3 tournaments and exhibition matches against other academies.

AFL/AFLW Academy Program

approx. \$150 per semester

- AFL: Sessions will be every Wednesday after school 3:15pm to 4:15pm starting in Week 4 at the Niddrie Gym coached by ex VFL player Ryan Allan
- AFLW: coached by Steph Wales (Essendon AFLW player) will be on a rotating basis during school time.
- Through our partnership with the Essendon Football Club students will have excursions to the Essendon "Hanger" training facility.
- Program includes a weekly training session, an EKC Sports Academy training top and transport to and from priority access competition and experiences.

Netball Academy Program

approx. \$250 per semester

- Sessions held weekly during school time on a rotating basis.
- Coached by representative level player Georgina Rebuffo, the program also includes Vixen player lead sessions that focus on increasing skills in all facets of the game.
- Program includes a weekly training session, an EKC Sports Academy training top and priority to competitions such as Netball Victoria tournaments and exhibition matches against other school academies.

We firmly believe that the sports academy programs offered at Essendon Keilor College provide an enriching and rewarding experience, helping your child to develop as both a student and athlete. The academy's training sessions are designed to enhance technical skills, build teamwork and leadership qualities.

Should you have any questions about our sports academy programs or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us. To apply, please complete the overleaf application form and submit it to your child's campus office by Monday February 9 2026.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Cram
Sporting Academy Coordinator

Lauren Gaylard
Middle Years Campus Principal

EKC Sports Academy Application Form 2026

Student Name:		Date of Birth:	
Parent/Carer Name(s):			
Current Achievements and Experience:			
Reason for wanting to join the Academy Program:			
Any medical concerns or previous injuries we need to be aware of:			
Sport: (please circle)	AFL / AFLW	Basketball	Netball

Students within the Sports Academy Programs are expected to follow the outlined guidelines below:

- Hold a GPA of 3 or above on average across all their subjects.
- Work to develop positive relationships with all staff and students involved in the program.
- Bring a positive attitude to each session understanding they will be working to gain positive outcomes.

By completing this application, you agree to the outlined guidelines within this document. Submit application to your campus front office or email jonathan.cram@education.vic.gov.au

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____