



Bishops Cricket 2017

Dear 2017 grade 8

Welcome to Bishops and (hopefully) to Bishops cricket! Even if you are not a cricketer, I would appreciate your reading this, and even showing it to your parents.

As you are well aware, or will soon be well aware of, Bishops is a school that is proudly based on fine traditions – we are a traditional school and the process of keeping healthy traditions going is partly the reason for the ongoing success of the school. Bishops has a very proud cricketing tradition, having produced not only cricketers of the finest quality (**Vince van der Bijl, Adrian Kuiper, Adrian Holdstock, Herschelle Gibbs, Craig Kieswetter, Chris Cooke and Siya Simetu**) but also hundreds of young men who have thoroughly enjoyed playing this great game at all kinds of levels.

At Bishops we strive to be the most sought after independent cricket school in South Africa. We work hard to provide our players with the best coaches and the best facilities possible. **Neil Carter** is our Professional cricket coach. Neil played more than 200 county games for Warwickshire and the Cape Cobras. He also represented Scotland in limited overs cricket. Neil is based in the Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre, our state of the art indoor facility. Alongside Neil we will have **Bradley Barnes** (former SA u19, Dolphins and Cape Cobras wicket keeper / batsman). Furthermore, on the Frank Reid Oval we offer boys the opportunity to play day / night cricket, even as a grade 8 you will get the opportunity to do so!

Next year the U14 cricket teams will play according to the following programme:

- U14A - Practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a short captain's practice on a Friday.
Matches will be limited-overs and some of these will be **day/night games**; whilst some declaration games may be played.
In the September holidays, the U14As play in the prestigious **Charl van Rooyen Week**.
- U14B - Practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Matches are 35-overs limited-overs games on a Saturday morning or T20 games on a Friday.
- U14C - Practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Matches are mostly T20 games played on a Friday.
- U14D/E - Practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Matches are mainly T20 games played on a Friday.

On the first Friday and Saturday of term (13 & 14 January) we will play trials. Our first games are scheduled for Monday, 16 January against Paarl Gym. Both the u14A and u14B teams will be involved. Hope to see you at trials!

Kind regards

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Head of Cricket