



Bishops Cricket 2018

Dear 2018 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.

We will kick-off our 2018 campaign with a training session in the SCTICC on Saturday 18 November from 9:00 – 12:00.

All interested players are invited to attend this session.

At this session two Bishops invitational teams will be selected to play practice matches (T20) against a touring group on 4 December. After these two matches another Bishops invitational team will be selected to play in a cricket festival, hosted by Bishops, over the weekend of 13-14 January 2018.

Kind regards

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Head of Cricket