



Bishops Cricket 2019

Our aim is to provide Bishops boys with the opportunities to grow and develop their cricket talent within the parameters of a holistic education.

In line with our vision we focus on providing Bishops boys with top facilities and coaching:

Facilities

The state of the art Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre was completed mid-2013. This facility comprises a hi-performance centre with four lanes. One lane will be used as a dedicated bowling-machine lane.

Donovan Murray, and his team, are responsible for the upkeep of Bishop's facilities and they take pride in the general condition of our fields and our pitches. The improvement of our cricket nets (turf and synthetic) has been completed. Synthetic landing areas replaced the old bully based landing areas which ensures a far more consistent and safer landing area for the bowlers.

Coaching

Neil Carter is our Cricket Professional and will also manage the Steffan Coutts-Trotter Indoor Cricket Centre. Neil is a seasoned professional cricketer having played 111 first class games, 177 List A games and 100 T20s. He made his debut in the 1999/2000 season and has represented the Cape Cobras, Boland, Matabeleland Tuskers, Middlesex and Warwickshire. Neil also represented Scotland in the T20 format of the game. Neil is an ECB level 3 coach with years of coaching experience in all the various age groups. Neil's mandate is to develop the general skill level of all our players and coaches.

Establishing and maintaining a sustainable cricket outreach programme with schools from previously disadvantaged areas.

Programmes have been set up with three NGOs serving previously disadvantaged communities. The JP21 Foundation, Dlala Africa and *Heathfield Primary* will benefit from this program in various ways ranging from the use of our facilities to coaching clinics to financial support. We believe in these programmes for no other reason that is the right thing to do.

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Dear 2019 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, Siya Simetu and Jono Bird**) but also hundreds of young men who have thoroughly enjoyed playing this great game at all kinds of levels.

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 2019 campaign with a training session in the SCTICC on Saturday 24 November from 9:00 – 11:00.

All interested players are invited to attend this session. At this practice a group of players will be selected for a middle practice on Friday 30 November from 16:00 – 18:00.

At this middle practice a Bishops invitational team will be selected to play a practice match on Saturday, 1 December.

The players identified will be required to attend practice on Wednesday, 9 January, and Thursday, 10 January. A Bishops invitational team will be selected to play in a cricket festival over the weekend of 11-13 January 2019.

Friday 11 January: Bergvliet 15A (away)

Saturday 12 January: Fairmont 15A (Sahara field)

Sunday 13 January: Pinelands 15A (Sahara field)

Kind regards

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Head of Cricket

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