

THE PROWL





CEO MESSAGE

Richard Irving

Dear Wildcats Community

I hope everyone is well, as we get towards the end of another busy year for our Wildcats family.

Preparations and planning have commenced for the 2026 Eltham Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament (EDJBT). We are expecting the 2026 EDJBT to be bigger and better than ever before. I want to thank those who have already volunteered to assist. We cannot run a tournament this size without your support.

I know there are some VJBL representative teams without coaches. I share your frustration that we haven't been able to finalise coaches for every team. I can however assure parents that there is a significant amount of work going on behind the scenes to try and secure coaches for these teams. There is an expression of interest on page 10 and I would encourage anyone who is thinking about it, to put you hand up and have a conversation about potentially coaching.

I do have to remind everyone that the Wildcats community is an inclusive environment, where we want people to feel safe and not judged. I have become aware recently of an increase in racist comments, bullying behaviour and non-inclusive comments being made by some of our members. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I appreciate it is a small number of members who have cast a shadow over our community, but we all have an obligation to ensure that this type of behaviour does not go unchecked. As I have previously communicated, we have an independent Integrity Commission, which will investigate these types of matters. Please do not walk past bad behaviour – report it to the Integrity Commission, so we can stamp out this behaviour in our community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have thoughts or ideas for how we can better support our community.

Thanks
Richard



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We're proud to share that our Eltham Wildcats Unified Basketball squad has been selected to wear the green and gold and represent Australia at the inaugural Special Olympics Unified 3x3 Basketball World Cup in Puerto Rico this December. Our Eltham Representatives are:

Unified Athletes

Women's Team: Brianna Killien, Jordan McKormick, and Manahil Merchant.

Men's Team: Spencer O'Neill, Joey Davies and Aiden Harnetty-King.

Athlete Partners:

Women's Team: Jemma Symington and Marley Pascoe.

Men's Team: Dash Cottier and Lachlan Broadbent

Coaching Staff

Women's Team: Chloe Symington – Head Coach, Helen Killien – Assistant Coach, Indigo Symington – Junior Coach

Men's Team: Naomi Symington – Head of Delegation & Head Coach, Josh O'Neill – Assistant Coach

To make it happen, the team is relying on fundraising and donations. Every contribution, big or small, helps bring Australia's Unified 3x3 teams closer to the court and the chance to showcase their talent on the global stage.

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LIFE MEMBERS

Hello to our Life Members,

We kindly ask that you complete the form below, either for yourself as a Life Member or, if you are a family member of a Life Member, on their behalf. We are working to collate all the updated contact details together so we can stay better connected.

If your loved one has sadly passed away, we would deeply appreciate it if you could let us know by emailing Nicola at business@elthamwildcats.net.au

Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date and for being such an important part of our community.

[Click here to fill out the form](#)



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YOUTH COMMITTEE

Calling all passionate Wildcats!

Our Eltham Wildcats Youth Committee is looking for more members to join this incredible team!

If you're between 14-25 and eager to make a real difference, we want YOU to be part of shaping the future of our club.

Want to have your say and help us grow? Stay tuned for more details, and register your interest.

[Register Here](#)

PHOTOGRAPHER OPPORTUNITIES

Steve Smith

Capturing the Grit, Glory & Game Day Moments - One Shot at a Time

Our NBL1 Men's assistant coach Steve Smith is offering our players a fresh take on sports photography - where every jump shot, buzzer beater, and courtside celebration is captured with precision, passion, and a deep love for the game.

Our vision is simple: to freeze the raw energy and emotion of basketball into powerful images that tell the story of each game. I aim to deliver high-quality, game day photos that players, and families will treasure for years to come.

This isn't just about action shots - it's about documenting the moments that matter, the pre-game focus, mid-game hustle, post-game pride and all the intensity in between.

Through our lens, we want to elevate everyday athletes and celebrate the spirit of the sport at every level.

Whether you're a player, coach, or parent - your story deserves to be told. And we're here to capture it, one photo at a time.

If you have any questions or would like to book in a time, please reach out to Steve Smith at ssmith.54@hotmail.com



A photograph of a child jumping on stone steps in a garden. The child is wearing a white t-shirt and blue shorts. The garden is lush with green plants and small purple flowers. In the background, there is a modern house with a corrugated metal roof and a wall of vertical wood cladding. The scene is captured in the soft light of late afternoon or early morning.

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Championship Committee Members Needed

Please contact Carrie Davies (Chair) at carrie.davies@elthamwildcats.net.au to express your interest in joining.

VJBL AND EDJBA **COACHES** WE NEED YOU

Please contact Mitch at pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au to express your interest in coaching an EDJBA or VJBL team.



Festive Season Closure

Eltham Wildcats Office will be Closed from
Friday December 19th (11am) - Monday
January 12th (9.30am)



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Hello Wildcats,

The Uniform store is open November:

Friday 14th - 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 15th - 9am to 3pm

Friday 21st - 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 22nd - 9am to 3pm

Friday 28th - 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 29th - 9am to 3pm

If you require uniforms outside of these times, please contact Albi at uniforms@elthamwildcats.net.au.

We know this is a transition period and we truly appreciate your patience and support as we fine-tune the process. We're confident these changes will make it easier for everyone to access uniforms and merchandise throughout the season.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Nicola Reid

Hi Wildcats,

The website is now in its development stage! This means our designers and developers are taking all of our edits and ideas and turning them into the actual site.

It's super exciting, and we can't wait for you all to see the new website.

We're still on track to launch in February!

COMMUNICATION POLICY

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful and inclusive culture within the Wildcats family, we want to remind everyone of the importance of following our Communication and Social Media Policies.

Unfortunately, we have been alerted to instances where there have been breaches of our policies, which includes bullying, racism and non-inclusive language. This has resulted in one player recently being banned from any Eltham stadium for the next 5 years. It is important that everyone supports inclusivity and safety - we will not tolerate anything less.

Whether you're posting on your personal accounts or representing the Wildcats online, please remember that your words and actions reflect on our entire community. We ask all members to:

- Be respectful and positive when engaging online.
- Refrain from posts that could be seen as discriminatory, offensive or harmful to others.
- Represent the Club's values of integrity, safety & wellbeing and respect.

Following these guidelines helps us ensure that the Wildcats community remains a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone both on and off the court. It is important to note that social media accounts representing the Wildcats are not banned, but we strongly recommend that they are not established to avoid problems down the track.

We encourage parents to discuss this with their family members and to educate about the impacts that words and statements on-line can have on other individuals.

As noted above, we do not have tolerance for breaches of our Communication and Social Media Policies.

Thank you for cooperation in helping build a strong and inclusive community.

ONLINE STORE UPDATE

Hello Wildcats,

We're thrilled to announce the official launch of our brand-new online store, proudly powered by iAthletic!

As part of our ongoing commitment to elevating the member experience and continuing the professional growth of our club, we've taken our merchandise game to the next level. Through this exciting partnership with iAthletic, all Wildcats merchandise is now available on a modern, user-friendly online platform.

Now, you can shop anytime, anywhere - right from the comfort of your home and have your favourite Wildcats gear delivered straight to your door. From premium apparel to must-have accessories, exploring and purchasing club merchandise has never been easier or more convenient.

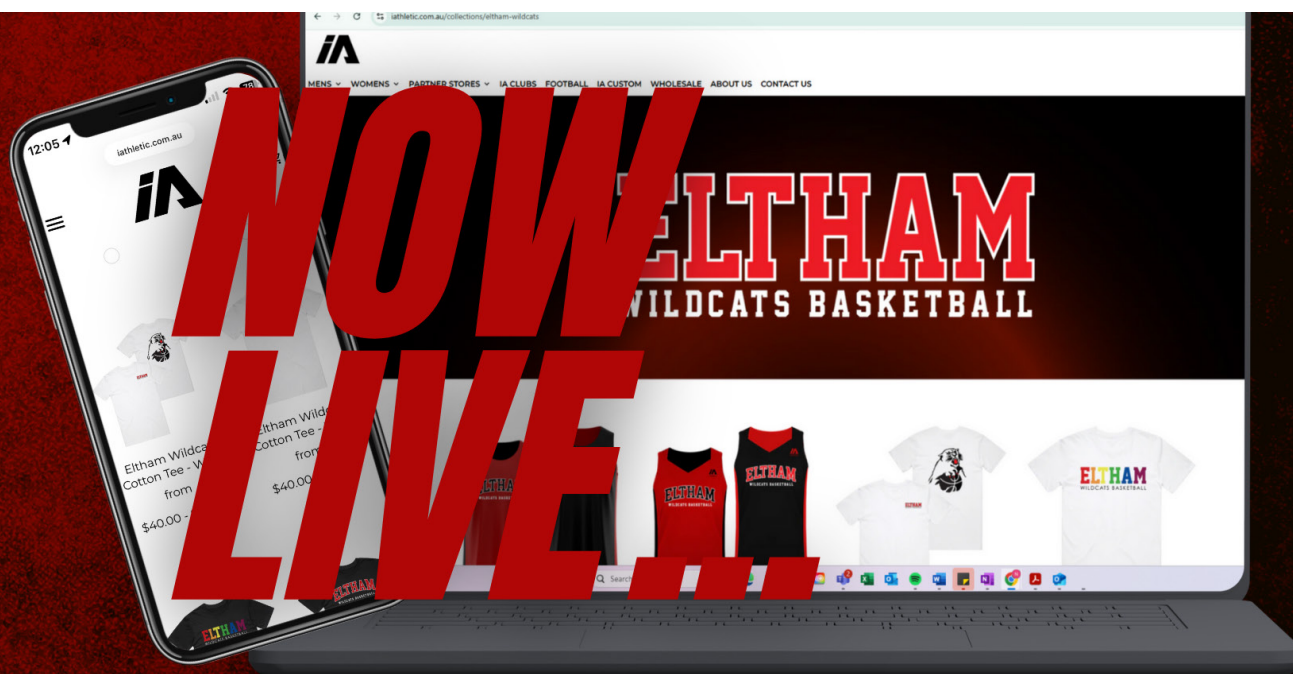
We're proud to offer our community a seamless, contemporary shopping experience, and we can't wait for you to explore the full range of Wildcats merchandise. It's time to gear up, show your pride, and enjoy the ease of our new online store!

How to Access the Wildcats Online Store

Via our website: Click the "Wildcat Store" button on our homepage to be directed straight to the iAthletic store.

Via iAthletic: Visit the iAthletic website and find us under the IA Clubs section (scroll to the bottom of the page and click our logo).

Direct link: [Click here](#)



CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

David Hickman

With the trials finished we welcome back lots of families involved for some time in the program, but also many new families.

Thank you to all who assisted as independent selectors, other coaches and volunteers at the door and to Matt, Mitch, Craig and Liv for overall coordination of the trials process.

Special welcome to our many new coaches and team managers.

It is pleasing we have a 4th Under 18 girls' team.

In the last weekend 28 Eltham teams competed in the Craigieburn Tournament, in reciprocation for Craigieburn's support for our tournament.

Some of the grades were very demanding on our teams. Some third teams played in the top grade & some 6th teams played in the second top grade.

Premierships were won by 12-1 boys (high scoring two point victory) 12-3 boys, 14-4 girls in the second grade, 14-3 boys in second grade, 16-5 girls, 18-3 boys (top grade) and 18-4 boys.

Runners Up were 12-2 girls (huge improvement from earlier encounter), 14-2 boys in top grade, 14-4 boys in next grade and 16-4 boys.

Please start planning for our own tournament which all Eltham teams enter. Registration will open soon.



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IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS

David Hickman

- Aiden Broadway:16-29B - Interceptions & aggressive defence.
- Dominic Tudor:16-19B - Work close to basket.
- Maceo Pascal:16-32B - Rebounding, defence & passing.
- Emily Hanks:16-1G - Anticipation, passing & offensive boards.
- Alicia Sheedy:16-11G - Speed & defensive transition.
- Madeline Thorpe:16-11G - Defence.
- Stefan Licinar:14-12B - Defensive transition, interceptions & defensive rebounding.
- Archie Brownhill:14-7B - Poise on shot & Interceptions.
- Carter Reynolds:14-7B - Defensive transition.
- Katelyn Cue:12-7G - Competes hard poise & positioning.
- Lily Johnson:12-7G - Defence on-ball & transition.
- Marytilda Scarpaci:14-9G - Tough contesting & creative passes.
- Oliver Kent:16-19B - Inside moves, effort & on-court talk.
- Mischa Whitmore:14-4G - Ball control.
- Ayesha Elkhishin:14-4G - Rebounding, 1%^s & defence.
- Harry Cowper:12-26B - Very active, steals & hard work.
- Ethan Holt:12-26B - Defensive transition & scoring ability.
- Anthony Morabito:12-26B - Passing & interceptions.
- Harvey Grawe:14-24B - Efforts inside key.
- Mitchell Clark:14-24B - Passing, cut & receive.
- Addison Scott:14-7G - Posts well & good defence.
- Amelia Clark:14-7G - Off-ball cuts to receive.

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