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Sunbury Basketball Association's Flight Path Program (Under 8 and 10's Competition and Development)

The Sunbury Basketball Association is pleased to announce the launch of the new "Flight Path Program".

The Flight Path Program (FPP) is the new competition and development program for the under 8 and 10 age group. This program will be the next step in junior development after Aussie Hoops. The FPP is designed to ready children for the under 12 domestic competition and filter an even spread of talent across all clubs. This program will allow children to develop in their own time and not be thrown in the deep end with older, more skilled children. This will result in an even and more beneficial competition for the children and coaches to develop in. The structured program will also attract more players and their families into the basketball community. This will in turn raise the retention rate in the sport and provide a strong competition for the future.

The aim of the development program is to provide a solid foundation for children, referees and coaches, to ensure the long term sustainability of the domestic competition in the SBA. The FPP will be broken down into 4 levels, with each level having competency based goals for each child to strive towards. We understand that children develop better fundamentals with qualified coaches and resources which will be provided by the SBA consistently throughout the program.

Information:

- 4 tier system White wings, Bronze Wings, Silver Wings and Gold Wings
- All levels will play weekly 40 minute games.
- FPP will have a structured development curriculum so the children can learn skill sets, play competitive games and have fun.
- The program is designed for your child to have fun playing and competing with and against old and new friends.
- The program will be run by qualified and experienced coaches.
- Parents are welcome to learn and participate alongside the coaches if they wish to.
- Each child receives a pack of Flight Path Program merchandise.
- Price: TBC – Planned to be priced closely in line with current club fees.
- Day and times: Tuesday and Wednesday Times - TBC.

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- 90 minute sessions (40min Skill, 50min competition games).
- Skill set graduation system between, for linear progression of development.
- At the beginning of each season revision session of previous seasons skills.
- Your child does not have to have participated in Aussie Hoops to enter the program.
- Girls and boys separate in higher levels (Silver and Gold).

Program Goals:

- Players reach an expected level of skill development before progressing.
- The competition will be even and competitive.
- All players will have a strong skill foundation which will raise the standard of basketball in the Sunbury area.
- Promotes domestic club growth through a fresh intake of players graduating from the program every season.
- Accessibility for players to have quality coaching.
- Injection of quality players/coaching/officials into the club system.
- An established pathway for players and coaches.
- Teach fundamentals and proper mechanics.
- Teach individual and team concepts.

Further information about the program including a frequently asked questions list is available on the Sunbury Basketball website at www.sunburybasketball.com.au

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