

**YOUR ROAD TO  
SUCCESS  
WITH THE WILDCATS**

**HOW A WILDCATS SCHOLARSHIP  
COULD HELP YOU  
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM**



# ALLOYFOLD CANTERBURY WILDCATS

The Alloyfold Canterbury Wildcats had a spectacular season in 2016. Through teamwork, dedication, commitment and the help of local sponsors, the team went undefeated in the WBC, winning its first championship in 12 years.

Head Coach, Lori McDaniel, was named Coach of the Year, Ushma Shah won Manager of the Year, Fran Edmondson was voted MVP of the league, and the Wildcats have set the tone for women's basketball in Canterbury.

Winning is satisfying, but just as important is the work the Wildcats have been doing in the community, coaching, mentoring junior players and providing \$11,000 in scholarships to 22 of our promising junior players - our future Wildcats.



What are the Wildcats doing in the community?

All Wildcats players know that their selection carries responsibilities over and above playing for Canterbury in the WBC. Each player mentors two up-and-coming junior players. Several players coach teams and run skills sessions in schools and clubs throughout Canterbury. Others are involved in refereeing and administration of the sport. We take pride in serving as positive role models for our peers and young basketball players!

What is a Wildcat Scholarship?

Scholarships are granted to girls who show a commitment to improving their basketball skills and have strong potential to move into the next level of basketball. The scholarship consists of \$500 for basketball costs and a mentor relationship with a Canterbury Wildcat throughout the basketball season.

Who can earn a Wildcat Scholarship?

Scholarships are awarded to twenty junior players from around the province - ten who are in the U15 bracket and ten who are U17.

Do you apply for a Wildcat scholarship?

No, you don't need to apply but you do need to play. There is a selection panel of age group coaches lead by Lori McDaniel who will select the scholarship recipients.

To be considered, you should participate in the SDL (Summer Development League) and other Canterbury representative programmes. Players who are not in the top rep teams will be considered - selection criteria involves future potential and who could be a future Wildcat.

When will scholarship players be selected?

Wildcats Scholarship recipients will be selected at the start of the WBC season. Players will be contacted by the Wildcats Head Coach if they are chosen for a scholarship.



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## SCHOLARSHIP PROFILES

THE 2016 WILDCATS SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO 22 CANTERBURY PLAYERS THAT A PANEL OF COACHES DETERMINED HAD THE ABILITY TO BE A WILDCAT ONE DAY.



### TSUBASA NISBET

Tsubasa Nisbet received a Wildcats scholarship and was mentored by Wildcat, Harriet Fenwick. Harriet was sponsored by Aquapods NZ who made Tsubasa's scholarship possible - Many thanks to Aquapods NZ!

What was it like having a Wildcats mentor?

"It's awesome having a Wildcats mentor, especially Harriet! I see her often as we are in the same club team. It's really cool having someone supporting you in the wider community outside of family and friends."

What was your experience like training with the Alloyfold Wildcats?

"The intensity that they train at is so high and really set the expectations of what it takes to be a good basketball player. It was also incredibly rewarding. I didn't really know how much I had improved until I played with people my own age."

### SOFIA KENNEDY

Sofia is an up and coming point guard who is eager to learn from veteran coaches and players and continues to show great improvement. Training with the Wildcats has helped her become a leader on her high school team.

What was it like having a Wildcats mentor?

Having a wildcats mentor was really awesome. It was cool because most weeks my mentor would come to either a game or training to watch and help coach me. It was also really helpful to have someone to ask advice from and just to talk to about anything I was struggling with.

What are some of your basketball goals for 2017?

I would like to make secondary school nationals with Middleton Grange School, make the Canterbury u19 team and hopefully make the finals! I am also trialling for the NZ U18 team, so a goal for me is to just do my best at all the trial camps. Also, it would be an amazing experience to play for New Zealand.



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LOCAL HOOPS  
SESSION



PRIMARY  
COMPETITION



SUMMER  
DEVELOPMENT  
LEAGUE



CANTERBURY  
REPS



HIGH  
SCHOOL



JUNIOR  
TALL FERNS



NZ REP  
LEVEL



CLUB  
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## LOCAL

### **HOOPS!!**

HOOPS sessions are great for young kids 5-13 years. Coaches teach fundamentals, rules and teamwork. This is a great after-school academy that runs throughout the year! To register, contact Lori or visit [www.canterburybasketball.co.nz](http://www.canterburybasketball.co.nz)

Locations: Cowles, Pioneer, Lincoln, Rolleston, North Canterbury, Bishopdale, and Gators.

### **PRIMARY COMPETITION**

This fun competition includes Mini-Ball and year 5-8. Club teams compete at Cowles stadium. Locations: Pioneer, North Canterbury, Selwyn, Bishopdale and Gators.

### **SDL (Summer Development League)**

SDL is a summer program that helps young girls learn new skills, drills and concepts. Players will be working with elite experienced coaches from the Canterbury region. SDL prepares players for Canterbury Reps, Club and high school basketball.

### **HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

High schools have teams at every level: Social, Y9, Intermediate and Senior. Most high schools participate in the Whelan Trophy which is the most competitive girl's high school league. Choose the level you'd like to play at and keep an eye out for your team's trial dates!

### **CLUB BASKETBALL**

Leagues are fun, competitive and a great way to be a part of the basketball community. Contact a local club for trial dates and registration information. Levels: Social, U17, U20s, U23s, Div 1, and prems.



## REGIONAL

### **CANTERBURY REPS**

Representative players are the top players in the region in ages: U13, U15, U17 and U19. They are selected through a series of trials and tournaments. Earning a spot on a Rep team can help prepare you for future opportunities in basketball!

\*Current U15 and U17 players are eligible for \$500 Wildcats basketball scholarship.



# NATIONAL

## *WBC*

WBC (Women's Basketball Competition) is the top level for women's basketball in New Zealand. The Wildcats are the 2016 WBC Champions. We are one of the few teams in the WBC that are fully sponsored. Sponsorship for players covers everything from travel, training, gear, accommodation, massage and physio. The Wildcats are involved in a mentoring program and are active in the basketball community throughout the year.

## *NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL*

NZ Rep level layers compete internationally and play for the best coaches. In 2016, the U19s and Tall Ferns traveled to China and Europe to compete. This year, the U17s will be participating in the Asia Zone world qualifiers.

## *JUNIOR TALL FERNS*

This team consists of New Zealand's best U19 players. Junior Tall Ferns represent New Zealand on an international level playing against team's like China and Australia.

## *TALL FERNS*

Kelani Purcell, Penina Davidson and Micaela Cocks are just a few of the Kiwi women that have a prestigious spot on the 16-player roster. Most of these talented players are currently playing collegiate or professional basketball. These are great players to look up to and model your game after!

## *PROFESSIONAL CAREERS:*

From Europe to Australia, there is a growing number of New Zealand players playing professionally around the world! More U.S. Colleges are noticing the talent in New Zealand. Thinking of playing professionally? You've got to work hard and dream BIG!!





## GLOBAL

### *US COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS*

Kiwis are getting more exposure than ever from American coaches visiting New Zealand to recruit at regional and national tournaments. More and more players are earning scholarships to play basketball and study in America. Fun Fact: There are currently 23 Kiwi women playing DI basketball in the U.S.!!!

### *NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS*

Basketball scholarships are available at Lincoln University and University of Canterbury. These scholarships can include room, board, tuition and books for four years. Currently, there are 9 women on a basketball scholarships from the Canterbury region. Earning a University scholarship is a great way to play basketball competitively while continuing your education.



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