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SABRES

SNAPSHOT



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BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

Sabres Snapshot is your August wrap — covering all the key moments, big performances, and stories that kept the Sabres community talking.



NBL1 AND VYC - SEASON WRAP UP

Our Men's senior program was again super competitive at NBL1 and VYC level in 2026. Our men started the season as defending NBL1 champions and welcomed back a roster loaded with talent including Kyle Adnam, Kyle Bowen and Malith Machar.

Sandringham veteran playing coach David Barlow led the team back to the playoffs, winning the play in game versus Casey before succumbing to the Melbourne Tigers in the second round of the playoffs. The highlight of the season was no doubt the 70 point performance from Kyle Adnam who went bananas against the Northern Force in the final game of the regular season.

They VYC men battled absences all season to finish in the top 4, dropping their preliminary final to Kilsyth. Another outstanding season from head coach Nathan Crosswell and his team as we continued to blood players from VYC into our NBL1 squad.

Our NBL1 Women welcomed new head Coach Cheryl Chambers and Australian Opals star Steph Reid to the 2026 season. Returning from 2025 were Lucy Cochrane, Isis Lopes, Klara Wischer and Funda Nakkasoglu. Emerging young talent Madi Ryan rounded out an impressive roster.

With a lot of players leaving to take up college offers in the US, and both Steph and Madi missing games due to Australian commitments, the women won enough games to qualify and beat Keilor for Sandringham's first playoff win since the start of the NBL1 in 2019.

Unfortunately the Preliminary final results did not go our way with an agonising 2 point loss to Knox on the buzzer ending the season.

The VYC women had another outstanding season under Sally Burke, finishing in the top 2 and qualifying for the Preliminary Final before dropping their final game to Keilor. Again, with a number of our emerging Sabres girls heading off to College (Maddie Angus, Sierra Woolhouse, Josie Agnew and Ella Wickstrom), it will now mean opportunities for others to step up in 2027.

-Simon Giovannoni | Head of Basketball



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12.3	12.2
12.5	12.3
12.7	12.4
12.8	12.5
14.1	12.6
14.3	12.7
14.5	14.1
14.7	14.4
14.8	14.5
16.1	14.7
16.3	16.2
16.5	16.3
18.1	16.4
18.2	18.1
18.4	18.2





Meet our **HEAD COACHES**



Oscar Virgo
12.1 Boys



Max Roberts
14.1 Boys



Daniel Ramanauskas
16.1 Boys



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18.1 Boys



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20.1 Boys



Meet our **HEAD COACHES**



Charlee Cornford
12.1 Girls



Sally Gittus
14.1 Girls



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18.1 Girls



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20.1 Girls

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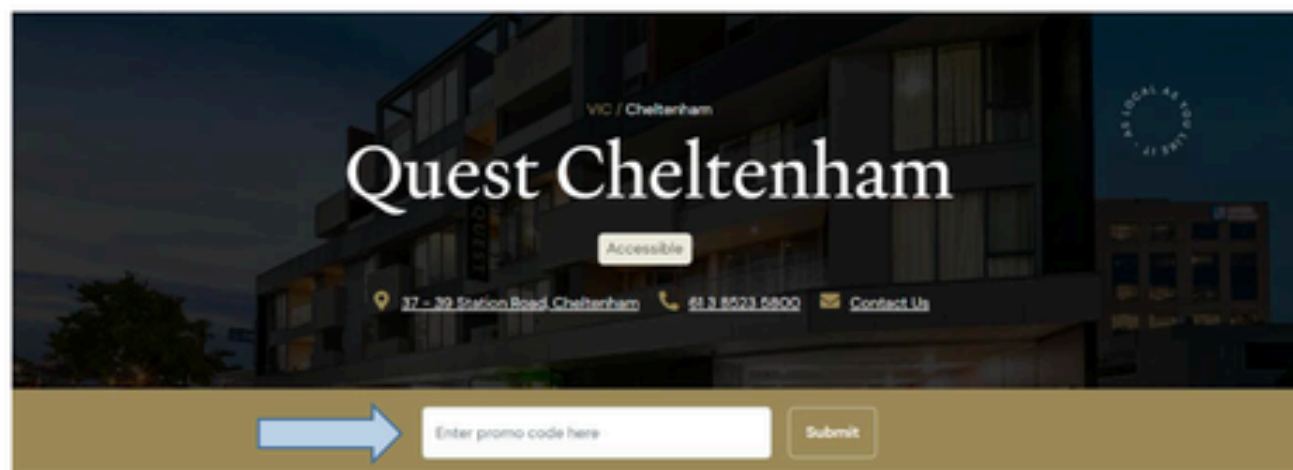
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