

Sport at Pulteney 2022



Vision

It is our vision that all students engage in sport despite their level of experience or talent.

Our sports program is a key vehicle through which children of all ages practically learn the life skills they can carry with them long after their days at Pulteney.

These skills include:

- teamwork;
- organisation;
- overcoming adversity;
- success is a result of the process;
- working outside one's comfort zone; and
- the importance of mateship.

School sport provides students with the ability to build a variety of relationships outside the academic classroom, increasing their support network.

Our Sports Department works continuously to assist each student to understand the importance of sport and physical activity on their wellbeing.

At Pulteney, sport provides the avenues for students not only to play but also to develop and explore a variety of pathways, such as coaching, umpiring or game management. This ensures all students, can pursue their passion in the sport community.



Emma Bahr
Pulteney Head of Sport

In September 2020, Emma Bahr commenced as Pulteney's new Head of Sport. Emma came to Pulteney from the Adelaide Football Club.

As the Player Development Manager at the Adelaide Crows, Emma was embedded in the development of a high-performance culture with a focus on player wellbeing. In addition to the general management of players and staff at the football club; Emma was critical in the development of individual and group wellbeing and mental health strategies; transition management for all listed players; and development of programs to guide the environmental and cultural management for players and staff of the Club.

Attracting Emma to the role at Pulteney was her underlying belief that physical activity and sport should be an integral part of any child's life. The values, life lessons and social connection that is achieved through sport in a practical environment sets them up for life. Emma's vision is to provide every child with an opportunity to have a positive relationship with sport and physical activity be that at an elite or social level or purely for their own personal wellbeing. This will require us to be competitive, whilst finding the practical life lessons and skills that sport teaches us.



Scott Camporeale
Lead Programs Manager/
Director of Football

Scott Camporeale will join Pulteney in 2022 as Lead Programs Manager/ Director of Football. Scott enjoyed an accomplished career in the AFL playing 252 games for Carlton and Essendon, winning Carlton's Best and Fairest Award in the year 2000 when he also made the All-Australian team.

He has been an assistant coach at Essendon between 2007 and 2010, and then with the Adelaide Crows 2010 to 2019. In 2015, Scott coached the Adelaide Football Club for 11 games.

Scott will also undertake a new role as part of his appointment that will draw on his considerable experience and expertise: Lead Programs Manager. This role will involve Scott working alongside the Directors of Sports, Michelle and Emma to tailor opportunities for students involved in state and national representative teams, who also play for the school. It will also see him involved day-to-day with co-ordinating the logistics of sport at Pulteney.

Scott comes to Pulteney with a real passion to help, support and assist students to become the best version of themselves both on and off the sports fields.



Michelle den Dekker OAM
Head of Performance

Michelle den Dekker OAM has been appointed into a new position as Head of Performance. Reporting to the Head of Sport, the position will have an oversight role for the training, leadership and development of all coaches in the School's sporting program.

The role has emerged as an initial action stemming from the review into sport conducted earlier this year. Michelle has served for two years as Netball Program Manager during which time student participation has grown to see some one third of girls across the School choose to play netball.

Michelle made her Australian debut in 1985 and led Australia to two world championships as captain (1991 and 1995). She played a total of 84 test matches for Australia between 1985 and 1995, including 71 as captain.

Michelle was voted as Adelaide's greatest netballer to have fronted for the Adelaide Thunderbirds or Adelaide Ravens. She was inducted into the Australian Netball Hall of Fame in 2009.

She was appointed Head Coach of Netball Australia's new Centre of Excellence in Canberra in April 2014.

"Sport at Pulteney will create an opportunity for students to come together, build confidence, empower, develop leadership, acceptance and provide a sense of belonging and engaging in something bigger than themselves."

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