Teams:
At this stage we will select 5 teams of boys and girls from the eligible year 8’s and 9’s. Players will be selected on merit by the coaches. Each team will have a coach being appointed for the boys’ teams and the girls’ teams and we will have parents helping with the catering side of the trip.

Cost:
Preliminary budgets suggest the cost will be around $450. This includes accommodation, breakfast, tournament fees and bus transport and tea on at a hotel on the last night.

Lunch and tea: Will be included with players given the facilities to make rolls for lunch at the stadium, breakfast at the accommodation and teas will range from a BBQ at the caravan park to options at local RSL, clubs, La Porchetta’s, etc. The teams will eat as a unit with coaches and managers.

This represents excellent value for a National Volleyball championship experience considering we will be playing Club teams, regional or academy teams and elite school teams. Our teams have won this event on several occasions but it is the learning that occurs on the trip that is the real value. Our top girls team won gold last year.

Selection:
If you are interested in being considered for selection, please discuss the tournament and the cost with your parents. Then see Stuart Scott, Lachy Abbott, Mia Heikkonen or Peter Giannes to tell us you are interested. If you elect to trial we will assume you are available to go. If you cannot go on the trip, do not trial!

Consent Notes:
Once the teams are announced consent notes will be issued along with any further information. Payment can then be made at the cashier’s office. Please note that payment can also be made using credit cards.

Regards

Stuart Scott
SIV Program Manager.
**Tournament History:**
The Under 15 National Invitational Tournament has been an annual event on the Australian volleyball calendar since 1998. The inaugural event was held in Pt Macquarie NSW and subsequent events have been held in Vic and ACT. Traditionally entrants have included State teams from Vic, QLD, ACT, NSW, regional academies and elite school teams. We have regularly made finals in this competition and Heathfield has won the champion state title 4 times, so even though we play state teams we are very competitive.

**Dates:**
The tournament will be held in the first week of the school holidays.
- **Travel** Sunday 13th April (Depart 6.00am HHS)
- **Competition** Monday 14th April
- **Competition** Tuesday 15th April
- **Competition** Wednesday 16th April
- **Finals** Thursday 17th April

(Triavel home after presentations arrive 7.00am Friday 18th)

**Venue:**
Albury Sports Centre 220 North Street
Albury NSW

**Eligibility:**
Players must be registered members of the State Volleyball Association. Players will have to fill in Volleyball SA registration cards before we leave. Players have to register with Volleyball SA to play Junior League, State Cup and National Schools Cup so this is not an extra cost. Players must be born in 2000 or later to be eligible to compete.

**Birth Certificate:**
Each player selected will be required to give us a copy of their birth certificates. Each player’s copy must accompany the nomination form. **This is normal for most high level junior sport so it is a good idea to get a number of photocopies so you have copies when required**

**Playing Conditions:**
All the Rules of the Game of Volleyball (FIVB) shall apply.
All matches shall be best of 5 sets. (Matches will not be time limited)
The libero / set rule shall apply.
The 12 substitution rule as per AVF Junior event guidelines shall apply.
The official court warm up time is 10 minutes.
Teams doing duty shall supply a referee, 2nd referee, a scorer and two lines people. Team failing to supply the correct duty personnel will lose (1) match point.

**Net Heights:**
- **Boys** 2.24m
- **Girls** 2.10m

**Alcohol/Drug consumption:**
Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking illegal drugs or drugs banned by the Australian Sports Commission Drug Policy is strictly forbidden. Any breech of this rule will result in the player/team being ejected immediately from the tournament and sent back to Heathfield at the parent’s expense as this event is under the umbrella of the Australian Volleyball Federation random drug testing may occur.

As a school volleyball program, we FULLY SUPPORT this.

**Transport:**
We will travel by a Kanga coach. We will depart very early on the Sunday morning (6.00am). We hope to arrive in time to have tea at the venue on Sunday evening. We will depart after the medal presentations and tea on Thursday. This will mean an arrival back at school Friday morning.

**Accommodation:**

We will be staying at the Wodonga Caravan and Cabin Park. This is a 3.5 star caravan park. The park features a pool, BBQ shelter, children’s playground, kiosk and excellent amenities.

Students will be in cabins. (4-5 players /cabin). The girls will be in one section of the park and the boys in another section. We will be eating out most nights as the food is inexpensive at the Woolshed, the local service clubs and the Astor Hotel. Breakfasts will be as a group under the main shelter with the players responsible for cleaning up their own dishes etc. It is also the players responsibility to keep their cabin neat and tidy all week.

**Behavioral Expectations:**
As we are eating out some nights, impeccable table manners are mandatory. Basic courtesies like “please” and “thank you” should be automatic.

As there are 4-5 players in each cabin we can only deal with players who will be responsible with sleep, noise and consideration for others. It may be wise for the year 8’s to talk to the year 9’s before we leave so you have an absolutely clear idea of what will be expected from you.

You will certainly find that our behavioral expectations are very very high. I will expect the year 9’s to take a leadership role similar to that taken by the senior players you saw in action last year in Melbourne. You are representing Heathfield volleyball and that will be both fun and tough. Behave well and you will have a ball. Misbehave and you will be sent home.