WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
DEVELOPING BOYS INTO FINE MEN

SPORTS ACADEMIES

Basketball Academy

AIB – All In Ball: Progressive Basketball Programme

This innovative after-school basketball programme is unique to Whangārei Boys' High School. It is designed not only to develop skill on the court, but to grow young men of character, leadership and integrity.

AT A GLANCE	
Who it's for	Students wanting to develop their basketball
When	After school. Training times will be confirmed and communicated early in the year
Where	Whangārei Boys' High School
Coaching	Francis Heremaia (Lead Coach and Programme Floor Manager) and Tracey Tito (BBNZ Level 1 Certified Coach)
Cost	All of the following apply: Coaching fee: $300 per person Academy Administration fee: $50 (paid per academy per year) Uniform: purchased separately from NZ Uniforms

Our vision

> ***AIB – All In Ball. Communication. Respect. Co-operation. Hard Work.***

We use basketball as a platform to empower our young men, helping them grow physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. We are dedicated to:

- **Providing diverse opportunities** for our students to learn, lead and succeed through basketball
- **Engaging effectively with parents and whānau** so there is clear communication about the programme and how their involvement supports their son's overall development
- **Fostering humility** in moments of success, encouraging players to stay grounded and respectful
- **Promoting school values**, particularly brotherhood, through every aspect of the basketball experience

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A holistic approach

We aim to keep empowering our rangatahi through a programme that reflects and strengthens the school's values. Every player is nurtured across four key dimensions:

Tinana (Body)	Physical development, growth, fitness and wellbeing
Hinengaro (Mind)	Mental resilience and strategic thinking
Wairua (Spirit)	Inner strength, values, confidence and self-belief
Whānau (Family)	Connection, support and a strong sense of belonging

What students will gain

- **Brotherhood:** a strong sense of belonging and pride within the team and school community
- **Respect:** consistent respect for peers, coaches, staff and opponents
- **Transferable learning:** life skills that extend beyond the basketball court
- **Effective communication:** confidence in voicing ideas, offering solutions and working collaboratively
- **Reflective thinking:** the ability to self-analyse, accept feedback and strive for continuous improvement

Programme features

- A dedicated floor manager (Francis Heremaia) who oversees day-to-day operations and is available on training days between 3.15pm and 8.30pm, providing a consistent presence and safe spaces for players to learn, grow and connect
- Coaches committed to a values-based programme that nurtures leadership, teamwork and personal growth
- A safe, inclusive learning environment that encourages confidence and respect
- Resources that actively support and enhance the programme
- Ongoing support for students, both on the court and in everyday life

Pathways and leadership

- **Aim high:** pathways to represent at regional and national level (Francis Heremaia and Tracey Tito)

- **Student and whānau coaches:** an in-house coach mentorship programme for whānau and players (Tracey Tito)
- **Referee development** (Francis Heremaia and Tracey Tito)
- **Whānau partnership:** strong relationships and clear, regular communication with whānau about their son's progress, plus links with local agencies and support services

Our team

Coaching staff

Coaches are present and accessible during training hours to support players both on and off the court.

- **Francis Heremaia** – Lead Coach and Programme Floor Manager
- **Tracey Tito** – BBNZ Level 1 Certified Coach

Management team

Our management team works behind the scenes to keep whānau well informed and ensure all financial matters are up to date.

- **Joe Crowley and Kelley Crowley**
- **Tracey Tito**
- **Tracey Wallis**