

MEDIA STATEMENT



Slam Dunk! B-Ball hotshot hosts kids' camp

International basketball player Chris Anstey is coming out of retirement for one morning only as part of a volunteer project with young Victorians at the award-winning Doxa summer camp in Malmsbury on Tuesday 12th January 2016.

The 7ft tall b-ball hot shot will be running a one-off sports clinic at the Doxa camp in Malmsbury, teaching a group of grade 5-6 students from the outer Melbourne metro suburbs the basics of the game and giving them tips and tactics to become future basketball greats.

The children attending the Doxa summer camp will come from a range of challenging life circumstances and will have never visited rural Victoria before. Many will lack positive role models within their lives.

The aim of the sports clinic is to give these children an insight into the importance of teamwork and develop their resilience and confidence, both on and off the pitch.

Chris Anstey says: "Young people are so often asked "what do you want to be when you grow up?" When you're 10 years old the answer will be different from when you're 15 or even 20 years but the secret to success, in my opinion, is to enjoy what you do, take every opportunity and try anything once. Every young person deserves the opportunity to dream big and I'm looking forward to sharing my basketball journey with the young people at the Doxa Summer Camp and hopefully inspiring some future players along the way!"

Daniel Findley, Doxa Chief Executive Officer, Doxa says: "The Doxa summer camp at Malmsbury is held each year in the first two weeks of January and is aimed at giving over 200 young people from urbanised areas the chance to participate in team building activities, adventure activities, sports and outdoor pursuits. Whilst gaining new skills is certainly a part of the program, fun is also a big focus and the program offers access to experiences that peers receive."

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About Doxa

Doxa is a for-purpose organisation. We provide programs for young people so that everyone can access positive life experiences, education opportunities and employment pathways. We've been around since 1972 and our programs support over 5,300 young Victorians – typically aged eight – 22 years each year. Every young person we interact with has a different set of life circumstances. Our aim is to ensure that all young people enjoy enriching experiences and educational opportunity and advancement.

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