



ACADEMY

at Aspengrove



ASPENGROVE
SCHOOL

BASKETBALL

Basketball is a global game, uniting players of all backgrounds through skill, passion, and competition. It teaches discipline, resilience, and leadership—qualities that extend far beyond the court.

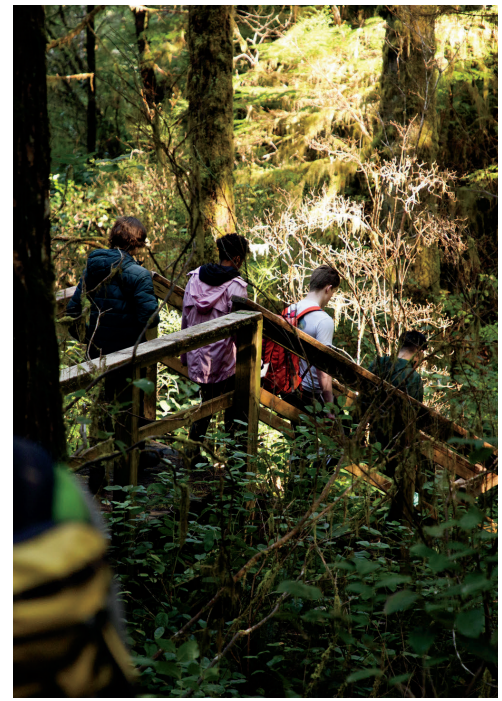
As a premier academic institution, Aspengrove School is proud to offer an elite Basketball Academy, a high-performance program designed to develop talented student-athletes both on and off the court.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our program is an integral part of Aspengrove's Co-Curricular offerings, which include a wide range of competitive and recreational sports. With a focus on skill development, teamwork, and character-building, Aspengrove's RAVN Basketball Academy provides athletes with top-tier coaching, elite training, and academic excellence. We take pride in ensuring our players are not only strong, competitive athletes but also engaged members of the school community, thriving in both academics and athletics.





ABOUT ASPENGROVE

Across Canada you will find independent schools that have established themselves within their city, creating the future leaders of their community. These schools do so because of a focused commitment to outstanding academics, exemplary experiences, the development of character, and a vibrant community.

Aspengrove aims to do just that.

From Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, our teachers work with and support each student as an individual, championing their interests, igniting their passions, and strengthening their unique abilities. Our promise is to ensure every student is engaged inside and outside of the classroom - prepared to thrive now and in the future.

OUR GYMNASIUM

The Ravens Nest Activity Centre is a 15,000 square foot state-of-the-art athletic and learning facility. Built in 2020, the gymnasium features 7,800 square feet of playing space. Featuring a full-sized indoor court, state-of-the-art lighting, glass backboards, and retractable spectator bleachers. The Nest is equipped to host:

- Competitive league games
- Elite training sessions
- Student-athlete development programs
- School-wide athletic events

Complementing the gym is a fully equipped fitness centre designed to support student-athletes in cardio, strength, and conditioning.



PROGRAM GOALS

At the RAVN Basketball Academy, our goal is to lay the foundation for young student-athletes to develop their basketball skills while fostering academic success, character growth, and lifelong habits of excellence. In our inaugural years, we are focusing on Grade 5 - 8 athletes, creating a structured and competitive program that will grow into an elite development pipeline. Our core objectives include:

FUNDAMENTAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Ensuring every athlete masters the essential skills of the game, including dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and basketball IQ.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE TRAINING

Providing structured, age-appropriate training that includes on-court skill work, strength and conditioning, and game strategy.

ACADEMIC BALANCE & LEADERSHIP

Supporting student-athletes in excelling academically while developing leadership, teamwork, and discipline through sport.

COMPETITIVE PLAY & GROWTH

Entering athletes into regional tournaments, exhibition games, and league play to foster confidence and experience.

STRONG SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

Ensuring that basketball players are not just athletes, but leaders and role models within Aspengrove's school community.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS & COACHES

SCOTT MARR

With a deep passion for coaching, mentorship, and athlete development, Scott brings championship experience and leadership to Aspengrove's RAVN Basketball Academy. A former collegiate player at UCC (now TRU) from 1998-2003, Scott quickly transitioned into coaching, where he made his mark at both the high school and collegiate levels. With years of experience coaching at the collegiate level, a proven track record in player development, and a passion for mentorship and leadership, Scott is committed to guiding the RAVN Basketball Academy in shaping the next generation of elite student-athletes. His focus on developing well-rounded players both on and off the court ensures that Aspengrove athletes excel in competition, academics, and life beyond basketball.



PROGRAM DIRECTORS & COACHES

MATT KUZMINSKI

Matt is a championship-winning collegiate coach who brings elite basketball expertise, player development mastery, and a deep passion for coaching to the RAVN Basketball Academy. As the head coach of the VIU Mariners men's basketball team since 2012, he has transformed the program into a perennial powerhouse, consistently competing for conference and national titles. Under his leadership, the Mariners have never finished lower than second in PACWEST, cementing their status as one of Canada's top college basketball programs.



PROGRAM DIRECTORS & COACHES

CHRIS MARSH

Chris is a former professional player and respected skills development coach who brings high-level experience, technical teaching, and a passion for mentorship to RAVN Basketball Academy. A Victoria native, Chris played post-secondary at VIU and UVic before spending five years playing professionally in Switzerland and France. Today, through his work as a private trainer and assistant coach at Camosun College, Chris specializes in building fundamentally sound athletes through dynamic, personalized development both on and off the court.





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SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1/2 Day
8:00 - 9:30	-	Fitness	-	Fitness	Skills
9:30 - 10:30	Math	Social Studies	Math	Social Studies	Math
10:50 - 11:50	Science	Elective	Science	Elective	French
11:50 - 1:10	French	English	Social Studies	English	English <small>Classes ends at 12:45 pm</small>
2:00 - 3:00	Music	Science	English	Music	Games & Tournaments
3:00 - 3:20	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
3:30 - 5:30	Practice	-	Practice	-	



STUDENT/PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

At the RAVN Basketball Academy at Aspengrove, we're developing more than athletes - we're building future leaders. Every student-athlete represents the values of Aspengrove School and the spirit of high-performance basketball.

We are committed to developing not only skilled athletes, but also individuals of strong character and discipline. Our player expectations are designed to foster a culture of respect, accountability, and continuous improvement. By adhering to these standards, players contribute to the success of the team and their personal growth.

Successful applicants to the RAVN Basketball Academy are committed to both the expectations of Aspengrove School and the Basketball Academy, and are expected to commit to the student code of conduct. At Aspengrove, we are committed to our personal and collective best.



COMMITMENT & ATTENDANCE

Be on time and fully prepared for every practice, game, and event.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

You're a student-athlete — academics come first.



CHARACTER & CONDUCT

Show respect to coaches, teachers, class- and team-mates, opponents, and officials — always.



EFFORT & ATTITUDE

Bring energy. Bring focus. Bring a growth mindset to everything you do.



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Take care of your gear, your schedule, and your health



LEAD ON & OFF THE COURT

You are a role model in the school and the community.



ADMISSIONS

Students applying to the RAVN Basketball Academy must first complete Aspengrove's standard admissions process, which all school applicants follow. In addition, applicants will undergo a basketball evaluation to assess their skills and suitability for the program.

For more information on the admissions process, please visit our website [here](#).

TUITION & FEES

Generous scholarships and bursaries are available to support families whose child would benefit from an Aspengrove education and the RAVN Basketball Academy.

Tuition & Fee information can be found [here](#). Tuition includes the RAVN Basketball Academy. Some extra fees may apply for travel & tournaments.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Aspengrove is committed to making our exceptional education and Basketball Academy accessible to families who may benefit from financial assistance. To learn more about our scholarship & bursary opportunities, please contact our Director of Enrollment, [Nicole Carpenter](#).

WHY CHOOSE RAVN BASKETBALL ACADEMY?



TOP-TIER COACHING & ELITE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



HIGH PERFORMANCE TRAINING



EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMICS & ATHLETICS



A COMPETITIVE SEASON SCHEDULE



LEADERSHIP & CHARACTER GROWTH



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the Academy?

In the first year of the program, launching in September 2025, the Basketball Academy will be open to boys who are competitive/elite players in grades 5 - 8.

Will my son compete in tournaments?

Yes, students will compete in both single day and multiple day tournaments. For day trips, we will use a team bus for travel.

Are there extra costs for travel & tournaments?

Gear, practices, and tournament fees are included in tuition. However, parents are responsible for their own travel and accommodation fees where applicable.

How will my child be supported to balance their academic & athletic needs?

At Aspengrove, our teachers develop strong relationships with all of their students, and understand their individual needs. Strong communication between home and school is our strength - ensuring we work together to proactively balance your child's academic, athletic, and social needs.

Do you offer bus service?

Aspengrove owns 3 school buses and offers daily service from South Nanaimo to Qualicum. We can typically work with families to service their neighbourhood, if we aren't already doing so. (Not included in tuition fees.)

[General Aspengrove FAQ's can be found here.](#)



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