



south west academy of sport



Talented cyclist Bradley Linfield is one lucky South West athlete to have gained a SWAS scholarship.



Star South West swimmer Adele Schultz has won a SWAS scholarship.

New coach will guide players to the AFL

AS the newly-appointed coach of one of the South West Academy of Sport's football squads, Jason Reid has his sights set on helping local athletes make the most of their talents.

"I'm looking forward to working with the talented kids coming through and hopefully seeing some of them going on to play AFL," he said.

The Bunbury teacher is well-prepared for the task, having served as a coach of the SWFL Landmark Carnival colts teams for the past seven years.

Reid has also coached SWFL colts teams such as Bunbury and Eaton.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Buttion said Reid was a welcome addition to the academy's coaching team.

"Jason brings a wealth of experience to the role and will be an asset to the thriving Bunbury-based football side."



Jason Reid is the new coach for the South West Academy of Sport's Bunbury-based football squad.

Academy doubles help in recognition of talent pool

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UP and coming cyclist Bradley Linfield, promising swimmer Adele Schultz and BMX star Lauren Reynolds are among the exciting group of 20 South West talents who have been awarded a 2010 South West Academy of Sport scholarship.

Now in its second year, the individual scholarship program helps promising young athletes to realise their dreams in sport by providing high-level support, including access to

specialist services such as nutritionists and sport psychologists.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Buttion said the academy had awarded 20 scholarships this year (up 10 from 2009) to outstanding athletes showing promise in 12 different sports.

"This is in recognition of the strength and number of the applicants," she said.

"The pool of talent in the South West is amazing and we wanted to ac-

knowledge and support as much of the talent coming up through the ranks as possible.

"We are proud to announce that 20 individual athlete scholarships have been awarded for 2010 — some of the scholarship recipients are entering their second year with the academy, while others are joining us for the first time."

Buttion said sport had become highly competitive and SWAS recognised the need to identify individuals

who demonstrated exemplary standards in their respective sports.

"Achieving sporting success at national and international levels takes more than talent and hard work," she said.

"There are travel costs to pay and support services like nutritionists to access — and that's for starters.

"We hope these scholarships help the athletes on their path to success."

An induction for the scholarship recipients will be held tonight at Bunbury's Edith Cowan University.

Residents get insight into program

CAPEL residents will have the opportunity to find out about the activities of the South West Academy of Sport today.

SWAS chief executive Bernice Buttion said members of the public were invited to meet with board members at the Shire of Capel office at 1pm to discover how the academy was helping local athletes achieve their individual goals and ambitions.

"Sporting groups and businesses might like to see how they can get involved with SWAS," she said.

"This is not just a Bunbury program — the academy is a regional program and appeals to the entire community.

"These meetings give sporting clubs and interested families a chance to ask the SWAS

board questions, while giving us an opportunity to educate people about the program as a whole."

For more information about the information session or to register your interest in attending, phone the South West Academy of Sport on 9795 4504 or email info@swas-wa.com.au.

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