



MELBOURNE
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BLACKS
FOOTBALL CLUB

THE UNIVERSITY BLACKS
SUPPORTING YOU ON AND OFF THE FIELD



YOU'LL LOVE THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BLACKS FOOTBALL CLUB

2018 marks the launch of the revitalised University Blacks Football Club. We invite you to join a club where football is just one part of your experience.

We have an outstanding coaching panel led by Cam Roberts who is a Blacks premiership and VAFA state coach. He was recognised in 2017 for his excellence with an AFL Coaches Association award.

Our first class training and medical facilities allow our players to achieve their playing potential. The Blacks unrivalled extensive professional network nurtures the off-field talents of our players.

The Blacks will again field four teams: seniors, reserves, thirds and under 19s.

The 2018 season promises to be another famous year in the storied history of the most successful club in Amateur football – we would love you to be a part of it!

HISTORY

An historic club founded in 1859 and steeped in history, the Melbourne University Blacks has been an amazing place to play football for 150 years.

Along the way there have been over 50 Club premierships (14 A-Grade seniors), numerous AFL/VFL alumni, shared joys and famous victories and countless lifelong friendships born from celebrating on field successes.

To become a 'Blacker' is one of the best life decisions you'll ever make.



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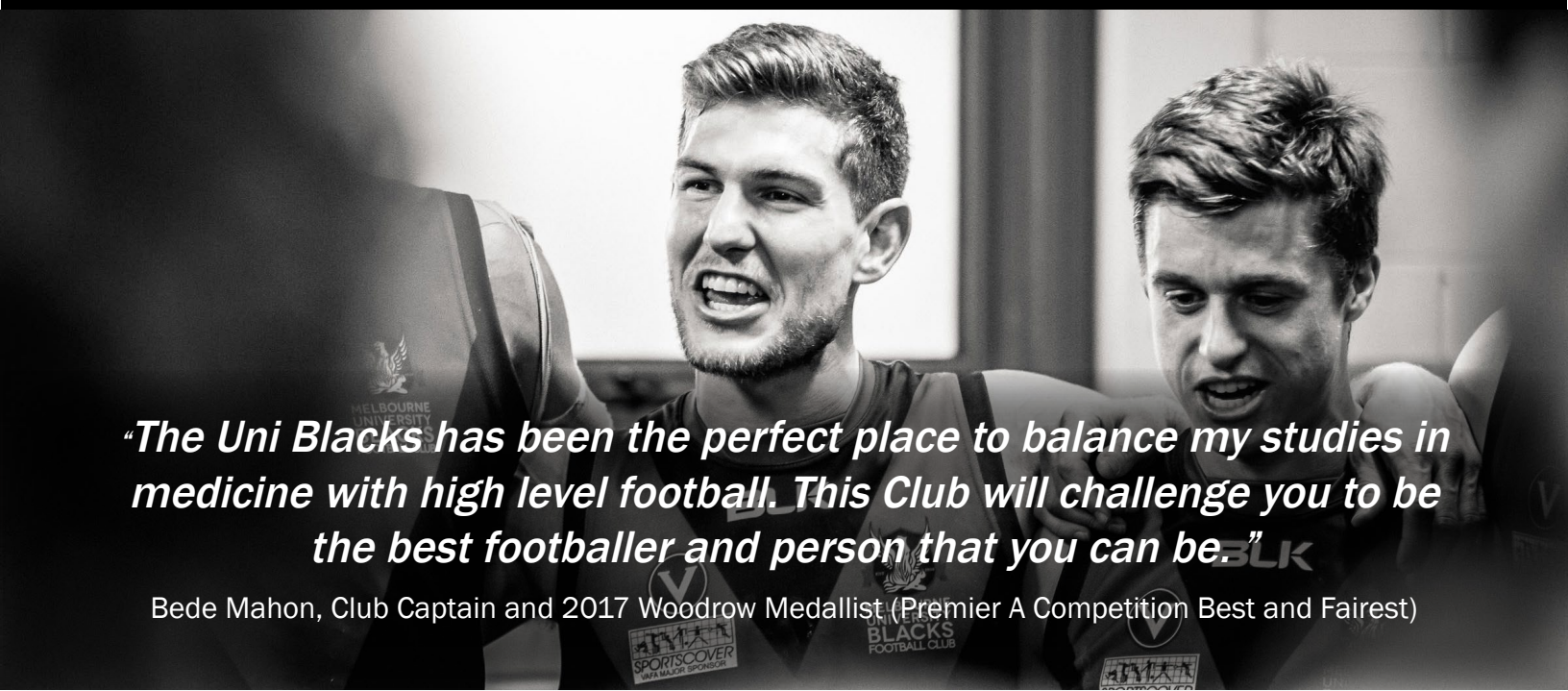
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* A Section

CULTURE

The Blacks are renowned for playing the game with tenacity, a hard edge and with exciting flair. We are proud of our position as community leaders, our inclusiveness and our diversity. The University Blacks were the first Victorian Amateur club to host an Indigenous round and the first Amateur club in Australia to host a Pride round.

The Blacks has the feel of a country football club with the added benefits of strong city connections. The unique blend of people and talent at Blacks makes it a truly special place to play football.



“The Uni Blacks has been the perfect place to balance my studies in medicine with high level football. This Club will challenge you to be the best footballer and person that you can be.”

Bede Mahon, Club Captain and 2017 Woodrow Medallist (Premier A Competition Best and Fairest)



SENIOR FOOTBALL

The Blacks have had four years in Premier A Section, with three successive finals campaigns including the 2014 premiership. Following a close fought but unsuccessful 2017, the Blacks will compete in Premier B in 2018. This is a year for resilience, team building and an opportunity for the ultimate success.

Senior Coach Cam Roberts (ex Geelong) will again be at the helm in 2018. We welcome back newly appointed Director of Football Adam Pattison (ex Richmond and Hawthorn) who rejoins the Blacks after a wonderful AFL and amateur career.

UNDER 19 FOOTBALL

The club is delighted to welcome Chris Smith as the Blacks Under 19s coach for 2018. Chris played senior footy with Swan Hill FC and Woomelang FC, then coached extensively in junior football and rep level basketball. In 2017 Chris coached the Swan Hill FC Colts to a premiership and was also a selector for the Swan Hill FC senior side.

The U19s is an excellent pathway to senior football where outstanding footballers have the opportunity to display their skill at a senior level. We foster young talent through the University Blacks Academy, which develops both football and professional/career skills through professional mentorship and individualised training programs. Our players come from near and far but quickly form a tight unit, helped along by many social activities.

PLAYER WELFARE AND CAREER SUPPORT

Being a part of the Blacks community extends well beyond your playing days. The Blacks have an influential professional past-player and supporter group, with a network of business and social contacts to assist our current playing group achieve their career goals.

We help players with employment opportunities, both casual and professional, as well as providing them with career advice from senior professionals across many fields.

Player welfare and career support pathways:

- Engineering
- Medicine and Science
- Law and Humanities
- Finance and Banking
- Property and Construction
- Technology
- Sports management

The Annual University Blacks Careers Night offers our players access to industry leaders in a wide range of fields. We foster professional mentorship and provide first hand insights into how to succeed in your chosen path.

FACILITIES AND MEDICAL

The Blacks enjoy first-class facilities. The newly built Pavilion is an architectural masterpiece and the University Oval has been named one of the ten most beautiful cricket grounds in the world. It is a delight to run onto the surface.

The University Blacks provide individualised strength and conditioning programs and access to the Melbourne University Gym and Pool. The Blacks offer the best medical and physiotherapy care in the VAFA. We have pioneered safe concussion management for Australian Rules Footballers through our partnership with the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Melbourne Brain Centre.





If this sounds like the Club for you, then we would love to hear from you.

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