



# ESCA WANDERERS BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Developing the Talent of Africa

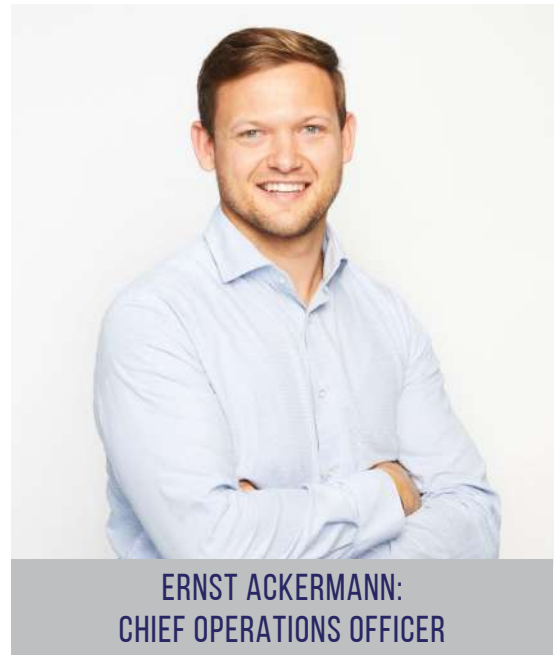


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# THE ESCA BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Welcome to the Elite Sporting and Culture Academy (ESCA). As a leading international school, ESCA has partnered with NTN Management to provide an elite structured pathway for student athletes. Our Basketball Academy offers athletes support, structure and guidance to balance their academic and sporting demands. Using the latest coaching philosophies and technologies, we offer student athletes an individualised education partnered with a high performance basketball programme, giving our student athletes the best possible opportunity to achieve and excel.



## ESCA'S TALENT DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

ESCA's unique Talent Development System comprises four pillars, each contributing to the holistic development of our student athletes and cultural performers.



### Academic

Students are supported to attain, maintain, and retain a healthy work ethic towards their studies, while balancing their passions and other demands. As with any committed activity, time, patience, and perseverance are essential to achieving in all areas.



### Co-curricular

ESCA collaborates with high performing, committed sports and cultural specific academies and industry specialists to offer our students quality technical and tactical training, and access to world-class facilities, networks and support.



### Athlete Wellness

Physical conditioning, recovery and maintenance, together with mental strength and sustainability, are core ingredients needed for the holistic growth and development of a student athlete. ESCA students will have access to an array of wellness experts and services, building athletes who can navigate the complexities and demands that come with excellence.



### Tertiary

Having the right skills, knowledge and resources is vital to making the best decisions for your education and career after school. ESCA supports its students by developing these skills, and by providing access to a network of opportunities available both locally and abroad.



# ABOUT THE ESCA BASKETBALL ACADEMY



NTN Management has partnered with ESCA to develop a first of its kind, fully comprehensive Basketball Academy in South Africa, producing top tier student athletes recruited by local and international institutions.

Top coaches in South Africa, highly experienced at national, university and high school levels, deliver superior training sessions, with specialist guest coaches recruited for specific basketball and conditioning needs. The individual programmes are tailored to suit the developmental needs of elite players, and the plans are created with both short and long term athletic performance and recruitment goals in mind.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



### INDIVIDUAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Offensive and defensive skills development



### TEAM DYNAMICS

Game preparation and IQ positional training



### STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Speed, movement and vertical jump training



# MEET OUR COACHING TEAM



**TSHIAMO NGAKANE**

**NTN BASKETBALL ACADEMY DIRECTOR**

Tshiamo has extensive experience developing high performance programmes at high school and university level. Tshiamo is responsible for the overall player development of NTN student athletes.

**JEREMY LUVAYIKA**

**NTN BASKETBALL ACADEMY COACH**

Jeremy is the development coach with experience in developing primary level talent. Jeremy's focus is on team dynamics and fundamentals.



**MISAVA MONGWE**

**NTN BASKETBALL ACADEMY COACH**

Misava is a product of the excellent Michael Mount programme and was recruited to Wits University, where he played before leaving for Boston to continue his studies and basketball. He was coached by Radosav Komadinic, a development coach in former Yugoslavia who has developed top European basketball players.





# INNER CITY SUPER LEAGUE AND WITS SPORT

ESCA competes in major primary and high school basketball leagues and tournaments. Performance athletes join our partner programmes, such as the Wits University Basketball Academy, which compete in the Inner City Super League (ICSL) Junior Classic.



## INNER CITY SUPER LEAGUE

- Owned and managed by the NTN Management directors, ICSL is the most successful basketball development programme in Gauteng.
- All major Gauteng universities participate in senior leagues for both men and women.
- All major high schools and clubs participate in the junior division.

## WITS SPORT

- All NTN Basketball elite players are given access to the Wits University Basketball Academy Programme.
- Senior elite players that are recruited are invited to train with the senior Wits University High Performance teams.







## THIS PROGRAMME IS FOR YOU IF:

- You're an elite athlete focused on becoming a top tier basketball player.
- You're a basketball player who requires a specialised high performance programme.
- You're an athlete who requires an uncompromised tailor-made academic programme that takes sporting requirements and commitments into account.
- You're an athlete looking to maximise exposure both locally and internationally.

## THE VALUES THAT GUIDE US

**E**

**Empathy:**

To share someone else's feelings or experiences by understanding what it would be like to be in that person's situation.

**S**

**Solidarity:**

Unity of an aligned collective that produces or is based on a community of interests, objectives, and standards.

**C**

**Courage:**

The quality shown by someone who takes the challenge or faces something difficult, even though they may be afraid.

**A**

**Accountability:**

The obligation to account for activities, accepting responsibility for them, and to disclose the results in a transparent way.

# THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Lisa Pienaar joined Team ESCA in January 2021 as Head of Academics. In her 28 years in education, Lisa's personal philosophy has been to nurture each individual child to reach their full potential. She believes human beings are so much better when they are honest and authentic, and she believes that living ESCA's values of Empathy, Solidarity, Courage and Accountability helps each person who enters this school to become better citizens of South Africa, and the world. Lisa believes that children show up best for learning when they are seen and heard, and as the ESCA Principal, she encourages her teachers to make meaningful connections with each other and with their students.



Education at ESCA continuously assesses and monitors student performance, while ensuring that learning competencies progress so that they are on track to succeed in all areas of their development. Our team of qualified teachers and experts work together to facilitate a constructive environment which supports tenacity, encourages confidence, and a healthy, balanced work ethic. Building futures at ESCA informs our selection of the international curricula and methodologies which comprise our offering:

## Cambridge International

ESCA is an accredited Cambridge International School. The Cambridge international curriculum sets a global standard for education, and is recognised by universities and employers worldwide. Our curriculum is flexible, challenging and inspiring, culturally sensitive yet international in approach. Cambridge students develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. They also gain the essential skills they need for success at university, and in their future careers.

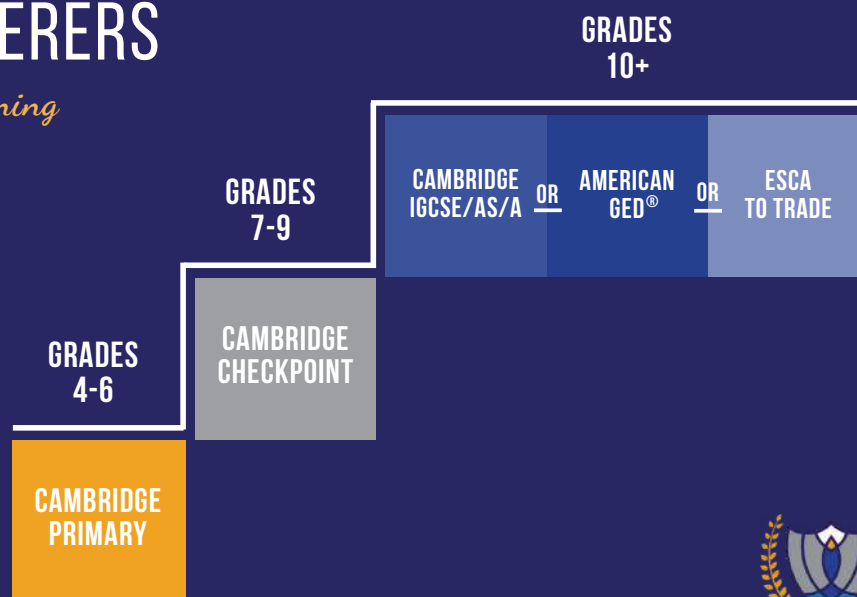
## GED®

The American GED®, available to students once they complete Grade 9, is widely considered the closest foreign equivalent to the South African National Senior Certificate. It allows students to apply for further education both locally and abroad upon completion. The GED® is tailored to each student's knowledge level and learning pace, with personalised lesson plans which accelerate learning. The GED® curriculum is skill-based, ensuring that students apply the skills that they have learned practically.



# ESCA WANDERERS

*The Ladder of Learning*



## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

The integration and daily use of technology is a necessary skill which students need to master to function at all levels of our constantly developing society. As a proud Google school, Google Workspace handles all virtual components of curriculum delivery at ESCA. The Google Classroom is a live interactive environment which supports and augments the student's campus experience, serving as a record of curriculum progress, and a resource to support learning.

## INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Accountability is one of ESCA's core values. We teach our students to be responsible for their learning within the flexible bounds of the ESCA learning ecosystem. The academic day at ESCA includes independent study sessions that afford students the latitude to focus on necessary schoolwork at school (limiting the amount of time spent on school work after school hours). Achieving requires effort, and students must apply themselves to reap the benefits of that commitment. During these sessions, students can plan, prioritize, and problem-solve their academic workload, content, and homework, while at school with access to their teachers and under the supervision of their mentor.





# ATHLETE WELLNESS

The ESCA Mentorship Programme is designed to allow high-performance students to excel in all areas of their life while learning skills that will benefit them in their future endeavours. ESCA student athletes are paired with a mentor who has competed in sport at the highest level, one who understands what it takes to pursue one's dreams as a competitive athlete. Nicole Gillis heads up ESCA's Mentorship Programme. With a Master's degree in Sport Psychology and Motor Behavior from the University of Tennessee (USA), Nicole has worked in high-performance settings both in the United States and in South Africa. She completed her undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science – Kinesiology) at the University of Arkansas (USA) whilst also being a student athlete on the University of Arkansas' Swimming and Diving Team. For eight years, she was a member of the South African National Diving Team.



**NICOLE GILLIS:**  
**HEAD OF ATHLETE WELLNESS**

The role of the mentor is to support high-performance students during weekly meetings, to guide them in developing the skills needed to be prepared for the demands and stresses that face at school, and during training or competing. We acknowledge that being a high-performance student comes with certain challenges that our mentors are well equipped to give guidance and direction on. This includes ensuring our students get the necessary support from, and access to, various professionals including biokineticists, chiropractors, nutritionists, and mental performance coaching, where necessary.






# THE FUTURE-FIT PROGRAMME

ESCA has developed a unique programme which teaches our student athletes the practical and theoretical skills required in personal, sport and business spheres. The ESCA Future-Fit programme directs and supports our student athletes in developing essential personal mastery tools.

Producing competent and capable professionals who embody ESCA's values by exercising Empathy, operating in Solidarity, displaying Courage, and taking Accountability, requires a programme that includes:

 Living an active and healthy lifestyle	 Brand and image	 Personal and professional portfolio building
 Athlete career pathway guidance	 Basic personal finance skills	 Time management skills
 Personal planning and goal setting	 Growth mindset and mindfulness	 Study and academic skills

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