



Ōtūmoetai College Premier Netball Academy 2026

Values and Character-Driven High Performance...

We are extremely excited to announce the launch of the Ōtūmoetai College Netball Academy for 2026. This high-performance structure is designed to challenge and nurture our top netball talent, offering dedicated coaching and character development to ensure our Premier squads are highly competitive and serve as outstanding role models for the entire College community.

This Academy represents a significant step forward in netball development at the College. It is more than just a training program; it is a commitment to creating a **high-performance environment** that nurtures **complete athletes and authentic leaders of character**. Our entire structure is proudly built upon and anchored by the core values of Ōtūmoetai College.

Introduction and Aim

The foundational aim of the OTC Premier Netball Academy is to develop a **sustainable and holistic approach** towards player development at a high-performance level, while simultaneously building **integrity and leadership in character**.

We will achieve this through:

- **Enhanced Coach Collaboration** and dedicated **Coach Development** opportunities.
- **Continuity** in Player Development pathways and Game Plans across all levels.
- A robust **Coach and Player Support Network** focused on wellbeing and growth.
- All activity being firmly anchored by our **Core OC Sports Values**.

Academy Structure and Financial Commitment

The Academy will involve all four Premier teams, totalling approximately **40-42 players**, ensuring continuity and high standards across all top-level squads:

Academy	Teams Included	Approx. Players
Premier Senior Squad	Premier 1 and Premier 2	20-22
Premier Junior Squad	Premier Junior 1 and Premier Junior 2 teams (Year 9 and 10)	20-22

Costs

Please note the financial commitment for Academy athletes. **Payments will need to be organised before the Netball Academy warm-up tops can be issued:**

- **Standard Netball Fee: \$155** (Covers standard team registration, uniform updates and replacements, equipment, **strength and conditioning sessions**, Umpire fees (increased by TNC during 2025 season).
- **Academy Fee: \$80** (This is an **additional fee** that specifically covers the costs associated with the high-performance Academy, including a **Warm-Up Top** for each player and specialised coaching sessions delivered by **Guest Coaches: Sam Winders, Jodi Todd, Kate Taylor, and Chloe Murray**). Please organise payments **before the start of Term 2**, as we would like to issue the Academy warm-up tops to all players who have organised payment/s.
- **Payments** via internet banking to 12-3194-0033970-00 with reference NETBALL / PLAYERS NAME **(part-payments/autopayments are available)** - please email cmatheson@otc.school.nz
- **Refer to the below for our Academy Fundraising event.**

Key Expectations: Coaching for Character

The Academy framework is built upon and actively coaches the **Ōtūmoetai College Sports Values in Action**. Academy players are expected to be visible role models for these values throughout the entire College:

Expectation	Value in Action	Description
Attendance	Working Together	All players and OTC Coaches for the participating teams are required to attend all Wednesday Academy sessions from 3.30-5.30pm, and <u>contribute positively to our netball values and culture.</u>
Effort & Attitude	Striving for Excellence Working Together	Players are expected to give 100% effort at TRAININGS and maintain a <u>positive attitude, regardless of the challenge.</u> Players and coaches are expected to include all members in their team and work constructively to help build the team culture and performance. Players are expected to cooperate with their coaches.
Leadership & Ambassadorship	Role Models of Character	All Academy players and coaches are expected to be the College's ultimate <u>role models</u> , consistently demonstrating all four core values BOTH on the court and within the wider school environment. <u>SENIOR Premier</u> players are expected to support our younger players and 'give back' to our netball community with visits to Otumoetai Intermediate for Skill Development sessions and supporting the development of our Junior players.

Academy Selection Criteria and Commitment

Selection into the Academy is rigorous and values-driven. Players must meet the following criteria and attend the specified dates:

Squad	Selection Requirements	Key Dates
Junior Squad	Fitness Testing: Bronco/Yoyo, speed, agility, hand-eye coordination. Strength: plank hold, press-ups, vertical and horizontal jump.	Fitness Testing: Term 1, Week 7 OR 8

Senior Squad	Fitness Testing: Bronco/Yoyo, speed, agility, hand-eye coordination. Strength: plank hold, press-ups, vertical and horizontal jump.	Fitness Testing: Term 2, Week 1
All Squads	● Attend each of the age group selection days. ● Attend Saturday, 2nd April for Academy Team building day.	
	Attend weekly <u>Wednesday</u> Academy Trainings. Venue: Action Centre. Time 3.30-5.30pm. Attend weekly Strength and Conditioning team session (SENIOR Premier: Tuesday 7 - 8.15am, JUNIOR Premier 3.30 - 4.45pm) Attend an additional team training (tbc by team coaches). Attend Friday games at TNC AND all additional games or tournaments (dates tbc). Available for WBOP Tournament (tbc), Auckland Secondary Schools tournament (tbc) AND all other tournaments throughout the season. <u>ADDITIONALLY Premier One players need to be available for the UNISS Tournament BUILD UP (Term 3 Week 1-7)</u> <u>To be part of the SENIOR Netball Academy. netball is your priority sport throughout the season.</u>	Term 2 / Term 3 TBC - TERM 3 / Weeks 1-5 <u>TERM 3/Weeks 1 - 7</u>

Key Benefits for Academy Athletes

Netballers selected for the Premier Netball Academy will benefit from a dedicated pathway focused on long-term success both on and off the court:

- **Elite Coaching:** Access to high-level technical and tactical coaching from experienced specialists, including **Guest Coaches**.
- **Athlete Development:** Comprehensive physical conditioning, mental skills training, and nutritional guidance.
- **Leadership Training:** Dedicated workshops and practical opportunities to develop character and leadership qualities.
- **Year-Round Program:** Continuity of training and development extending beyond the traditional netball season.
- **Individualised Plans:** Structured goal setting and feedback sessions to help each athlete reach their potential.

Fundraising Tournament Sunday, May 10th

Subject: Save the Date: Mother's Day Academy Fundraiser!

We are planning our first major event of the year: the Mother's Day Celebration Tournament! This is a fantastic opportunity for our Academy players to raise funds toward their 2026 fees while giving back to our local primary and intermediate schools.

- **When: Sunday, May 10th | 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM**
- **Where: Otumoetai College Netball Courts**

Player Requirements: This is an all-hands-on-deck event. All Academy members are required to attend and participate. Each team will be assigned specific responsibilities, including:

- **Umpiring & Court Management**
- **Food Stall & Raffle Sales**
- **Event Support & Logistics**

Call for Creativity: We are also looking for students to lead our Face Painting Stall! If you have an artistic flair, we want you!

Further details regarding team rosters and specific duties will be shared soon. Let's make this a successful and memorable day for our community!

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PROUDLY PRESENTS THE

CELEBRATING MUMS!

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER NETBALL EARLY SEASON TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY MAY 10 2026 | 9:00AM - 2:00PM



AGE GROUPS:
[Year 4 - Year 8]
AND MUMS

MATCH DAY DETAILS



LOCATION:
Otumoetai College
Netball Courts



COST:
\$100
per Team

KEY BENEFITS!



ALL UMPIRES PROVIDED



ACADEMY PLAYERS AVAILABLE
to Mentor Teams

MUMS ON THE COURT!



NEW RULE:
Mums are encouraged to join
the team on the court as an
active player or bib-wearer!
One Mum per team.

FESTIVAL FUN!



Face Paint, Prizes, Vibes!

SECURE YOUR TEAM'S SPOT NOW!

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