

# Indigenous Tennis Come and Try Day

## A message from Evonne Goolagong

(Learn Earn Legend! Tennis Ambassador)



Hello everyone,

Welcome to our Indigenous Tennis Come and Try Days which are run by Tennis Australia in conjunction with the Evonne Goolagong Foundation and the Government Learn Earn Legend! initiative – an initiative which aims to support young Indigenous Australians to stay at school, get that job and be a legend for themselves, their family and their community.

Our program invites Indigenous girls and boys aged five – 15 years to have fun and give tennis a real go. Our coaches are looking for kids who display enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to improve themselves given half a chance. Athletic ability is also taken into consideration but is not the determinant factor. So send your kids out onto the courts to have fun and to try their best.

Some youngsters from each Indigenous Tennis Come and Try day may be selected to receive equipment and further coaching. With agreement from their parent / guardian, these boys and girls will be encouraged and expected to attend their school and their tennis sessions. This will give them the opportunity to be selected to attend a joint Goolagong, TA state development Camp held in October and November

Participants at the State Camp level may also be chosen to attend the Goolagong National Development Camp held in Melbourne each January during the first week of the Australian Open. Since 2005, the National Camp has awarded 19 school scholarships, produced tennis coaches, sports administrators, university scholars and has helped with employment placement. Participants also have the opportunity to access Tennis Australia's elite programs.

### Evonne Goolagong Cawley

Learn Earn Legend! Tennis Ambassador

*Please note: All selections are made by our coaches in consultation with LEL! Ambassador Evonne Goolagong – Cawley and Tennis Australia's National Indigenous Coach Tennis Australia Ian Goolagong. All decisions are final.*

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