



Christ Church Hockey Team Head Coach off to Commonwealth Games

Christ Church 1st XI Hockey Team Head Coach Eddie Ockenden, one of Australia's most renowned and celebrated players, is set to play for the Kookaburras in the upcoming Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham.

Eddie is headlining the team, holding the record for most representative appearances for Australia (387 representative appearances with a total of 71 goals).

The upcoming games will be his fourth having played in 2010, 2014, and 2018, where the team took home the gold medal.

Eddie is a four-time Olympian, including achieving silver at the 2021 Tokyo games, a bronze medal in Beijing 2008 when he was the youngest player on the Australian side, and bronze at the 2012 London games as well as multiple World Cup gold medals in 2010 and 2014.

Among many of his awards is his attainment of International Youth Player of the Year 2008, and within the Australian side as three-time Kookaburras' Player of the Year in 2010, 2014 and 2015.

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will be held from Thursday 28 July to Monday 8 August with the Hockey competition to be conducted from Friday 29 July through Monday 8 August at the University of Birmingham Hockey and Squash Centre.

Christ Church Principal Alan Jones wished Eddie and the team luck in the upcoming games.

"Eddie is a master at his sport and an asset to our staff here at Christ Church; our boys are very fortunate to have someone of his calibre as their coach," he said.

"The Christ Church community will be glued to the screen when Eddie and the Kookaburras hit the field."

Christ Church Grammar School Director of Sport Anthony Lynch said he was proud to have Eddie as a member of the Christ Church community.

"Sport is an integral part of our boys' education, so having sportspeople on Eddie's level as members of our staff is one way we ensure we are providing students with skills they can take with them throughout their lives," he said.

"We are incredibly excited for Eddie and look forward to seeing the Kookaburras represent Australia."

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