

The trip of a lifetime

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KEILOR Basketball Association squads made up of 16-to-18-year-olds will tour the US later this year.

The association will send a junior and senior squad on the tour, which will visit San Diego, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Tour manager Albert Pellizzer said the teams would take on varsity and junior varsity line-ups while on the trip.

"It will be great for the kids," Pellizzer said.

"To get a bit of experience and play at a different level to what they are used to, and it is not just sporting experience, it is a life experience."

Pellizzer said the tour could also open doors for players in the future, with colleges often monitoring touring sides.

All of the touring juniors play in Friday night Victorian Junior Basketball League and Saturday domestic competition.

Clubs in the association are based between Essendon and Sydenham, with players coming from as far as Sunbury or Hoppers Crossing.

Pellizzer said the club would hold fundraising events to send the squads on their way, including a trivia night on July 30.

He said the squads were also seeking potential sponsors.

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The teams: (Senior) Coach, Shannon Peterson; Assistant Coach, Jeff Feben; Players, Adrian Virkic, Blake Chant, Dominic Kumosz, Dusan Skenderovic, Patrick Phelan, Justin Soleimani, Michael Bienias, Robert Nanos, Troy Duca, Gum Mamur; (Junior) Coach, Clay Drysdale; Assistant, Ron Pearce; Players, Alex Rizzato, Billy Feben, Daniel Vrselja, David Drysdale, Diquan Williams, Joel Smith, Jordan Pellizzer, Kristian Maric, Luke Pearce; Team Managers, Jennifer Soleimani, Marian Virkic; Tour Managers, Kylie Martin, Albert Pellizzer.

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