Woodcroft College is pleased to offer two Music Scholarships for students entering Year 8 in 2017. These scholarships will discount the students’ tuition fees from Years 8 to 12 and are for current and/or new students who are willing to be involved in the Music Program at the school.

For further information, including the scholarship criteria, visit: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/music.

Applications close on 16 June 2016.

JACOB WANTS TO PLAY IN US

Daniela Abbracciavento

JACOB Rigoni was six years old and 140cm tall – 25cm above the average – when his love of basketball began. “I got my first hoop for Christmas and I developed a love for the game from then,” Jacob, 17, says.

“From then on, I was out there, shooting hoops, playing basketball on most days. “I just love the competitive nature of basketball and the different skills required to be successful.”

The Year 12 Mercedes College student’s dedication and determination has helped him rise in the sport. Last year, he was selected in the Pacific School Games’ secondary schools’ basketball team representing SA and was named the Most Valuable Player.

At 196cm, the small forward was then part of the bronze medal winning SA team at the Australian under-20 Championships in February. He was one of the top five scorers, ending the tournament with 35 points.

Then, in March, Jacob represented Australia at the under-18 Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Mannheim, Germany.

The Craigburn Farm teenager has been named this month’s eastern winner in the boys’ secondary category of Messenger Community News’s School Sports Awards.

“It is a great honour and I am so thankful for everyone who has helped me along the way,” Jacob says.

Jacob, who plays for Sturt Sabres in the SA Premier League, admits juggling his club and 10 by himself – 10 hours a week – 10 hours with his club and 10 by himself – is challenging. But he is determined to play professionally in the US.

“Hopefully by the end of this year, I’ll be able to play in the under-19 Oceania Tournament,” he says.

“Then maybe next year, once I’m finished school, play basketball at an American college.”

St Ignatius College student and Norwood Swimming Club member Abby Duncan is this month’s winner in the girls’ secondary category.

Pembroke School student and fellow Norwood swimmer Emily White is the monthly winner in the primary school category.

The School Sports Awards, now in its 20th year, is supported by Messenger Community News and recognises achievements of SA sportpeople aged 10-18. Overall winners will be announced at a gala event at Adelaide Oval in November. For details on how to enter visit old.decd.sa.gov.au/sport

More Sport. Page 29