



## University Blues Football Club (Affiliated with VAFA)

University Blues Football Club seeks applications for the position of Reserves Coach for season 2025.

### Background

Melbourne University Football Club (MUFC) was established in 1859, making it one of the oldest Australian Rules football clubs in existence. MUFC consists of the three separate participating clubs: the University Blues, University Blacks and Melbourne University Women's Club

University Blues is a long term Premier Grade club in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) and comprises of four teams participating in the top grades of the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) at Senior and under-age levels.

The club fosters a welcoming, warm and successful culture and provides a vibrant and successful environment for the development of our players and coaches.

### Role

This important role involves working directly with the Senior Coach and within the overall coaching group and will be responsible for coaching the Reserves team and prioritising player development and education within the University Blues.

The successful candidate will be a key member of the full Coaching group and will also work closely with, Football Operations and Team Managers to assist with the delivery of the highest coaching standards.

### Responsibilities

Essential to the success of this role includes the following responsibilities:

- Lead the Reserves team as coach during training sessions and on match days.
- Contribute to the overall selection process as a member of Match Committee.
- Provide regular individual and group feedback, prioritising player development and education in a positive environment.
- Engage with the leadership group to empower players on their football journey.
- Assist in the overall defining and refining the "game plan"
- Be a leader and always demonstrate and portray the values of the Club.

This role can also provide a valuable stepping stone for someone who has senior coaching aspirations and ambitions.

## **Engagement**

### Preseason

The Reserves Coach will be assisting and coordinating the preseason training effort and activities from late January through to March. Pre-season training will be a minimum of two nights a week, nominally Monday and Wednesday nights between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

### Regular Season

The Reserves Coach will assist in the planning and conduct of the regular training effort and activities throughout the season. The season proper begins in April and continues through to late September which includes the finals.

Training will be a minimum of two nights a week, nominally Tuesday and Thursday nights between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on and match days on Saturday.

## **Essential requirements:**

- Strong verbal communication and interpersonal/relationship skills.
- Ability to work with and manage existing communications platforms and engage positively with stakeholders
- Knowledge of football tactics, drills, and match preparation.
- A passion for sport, particularly football and developing people.
- Clear understanding of the ethics of amateur football
- Ability to plan and train gameplans.
- Level 1 or above AFL coaching accreditation

## **Desirable but not essential skills:**

- Previous coaching experience
- Driver's license

Written applications, including previous coaching experiences and qualifications, should be forwarded to [applications@uniblues.com](mailto:applications@uniblues.com). Applications close 6:00 PM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.