



Rising Star

Junior AFL Eastern Ranges Player Lachie Gawel

Club Kilsyth and Club Ringwood are proud to be supporting this up-and-coming AFL star in his journey to the national league.

Lachie Gawel is a talented and aspiring young AFL Footballer, who has recently been selected for the Eastern Ranges Under 16 Squad. Since an early age Lachie has shown natural ability with exceptional skills, maturity and athleticism beyond his years. He promises to be an upcoming AFL talent to watch in future years.

The 15 year old Ringwood resident, has played for the Park Orchards Junior Football Club since the early age of 6 and as a 'tacker' has developed into a very versatile, multi-skilled defender, midfielder and key forward.

During the course of Lachie's AFL playing development there have been multiple club league and school best and fairest awards, trophies and acknowledgments. Additionally, Lachie has represented club football in multiple elite Junior AFL development programs.

Currently Lachie is studying year 10 at Yarra Valley Grammar and aspires to combine an AFL career with tertiary studies in sports medicine and/or physiotherapy.

Lachie currently has a very busy schedule to juggle schooling and football commitments which demands close weekly planning. In addition, strength and conditioning training and nutrition have become a key component in preparation for game day. Outside of school and footy Lachie loves spending time with family, training with Dad at the gym and keeping time aside to catch up with friends at the weekends and on holidays.

Over the last few weeks Lachie has played in a number of TAC cup AFL games with the Eastern Ranges. Lachie aims to develop and grow his skills and 'sponge' as much as possible through this elite Junior AFL program.

Along the way there will be an opportunity to be selected for Vic Metro and Under 18's TAC Cup squad which is a personal objective for Lachie to achieve. Through the 2017 season Lachie will represent the Eastern Ranges, Yarra Valley Grammar (1st XVIII) and Colts Park Orchards Club football teams.

Club Ringwood and Club Kilsyth are proud to be able to support Lachie as Gold Sponsors. The sponsorship will assist his sporting endeavours and, in conjunction with the Eastern Ranges Football League, will assist in the costs of his future AFL venture. We look forward to watching Lachie's AFL development stories over the next 12 to 24 months – we'll be keeping a close eye out for the AFL draft in 2019!

