

Bendigo United CC

Adoption System

Bendigo United CC has built a junior program that provides a constant flow of junior players into senior ranks through its “Adoption System”.

The “Adoption System” involves each senior player adopting two junior players and being matched where possible by their playing skills, i.e. fast bowlers with fast bowlers, right hand bats with right hand bats, wicketkeepers with wicketkeepers.

A function is held to initiate the system with every senior and junior player in attendance making a total crowd of well over 240.

Senior players are announced along with their adopted junior stars. Once the players are matched, they separate around the ground and just “talk cricket”.

All players participate in a group photo shoot as well as an individual photo of the senior players with their adopted juniors which are then hung in the clubrooms.

The success of the “Adoption System” is evidenced by:

- Positive feedback coming from senior players, junior players and parents
- Senior players watching junior players play and train and vice versa
- Numbers at the end-of-year Christmas party doubling with the entire junior program and their parents keen to be involved with the Club