



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Netball North are proud to announce the 'new' New Zealand Secondary Schools Coach



Netball New Zealand has today announced the appointment of **one of our own**.

**Helene Wilson** has been appointed as New Zealand Secondary Schools Coach (NZSSC) for 2010/2011. Netball North as a Region is very excited to announce the very first National Coach appointment under the new Regional structure.

Helene grew up on the North Shore and attended Rangitoto College where she started her coaching career in the 5<sup>th</sup> form, "I haven't stopped since" said Helene. A qualified PE teacher, wife and mother of two, Helene has played all her netball on Auckland's North Shore with one exception, her time in Australia, which also included a number of accolades.

She has coached numerous teams at both club and representative level including; Netball North U21, Netball North Harbour U17, independent NSW U16 and U19 schools plus assistant coach for NZ Secondary Schools.

Helene has a large portfolio of achievements in coaching. First in Secondary Schools premier division including a Westlake Girls High School team in 2009, qualifying for NZSS for the first time in the schools history. She assisted in coaching the NZSS team in the Trans Tasman Challenge winning two years in a row against Australia.

Helene is the Netball North Harbour Performance Centre Coordinator and also coaches and leads the high performance programme under the guidance of Netball North Harbour's Director of Netball Lyn Gunson. She has also been a coach in the NZ Talent Development programme (with her role as NZSS assistant coach) over the past 2 years.

With encouragement from her own club and coach Marcia Hardcastle and mentor Lyn Gunson, who Wilson is extremely grateful to have support and guidance from. Not forgetting her supportive family, who Helene states "help me out whenever I need it, I thank my parents and in-laws for looking after our boys, and of course Kane, my husband who is my sounding board and believes in everything I do"

Netball North congratulate Helene Wilson on the incredible achievement and wish her all the best for the season.

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