

Amita Weerakoon has built an extensive cricket coaching and administration career in both club, school cricket and at District level in New Zealand, particularly in Auckland.

Coaching Qualifications

- Certified **New Zealand Cricket Level 2 / High Performance Coach**.
- Recognised as a specialist technical coach in both batting and bowling.

Current and Recent Coaching Roles

- Regional Director – Auckland Cricket Association Northern Hubs.
- Director of Cricket at Takapuna District Cricket Club, one of New Zealand's leading cricket clubs – NZ Cricket Club of the Year 2025/26,
- Director of Cricket and 1st XI Coach at Rosmini College 2013-2017.
- Coach and Selector of the North Harbour Under-18 representative team.
- Business Mentor with the New Zealand Cricket Players' Association.
- Private Coach and Mentor for large number of current Premier 1st XI players.

School Cricket Achievements

At Rosmini College, Amita served as Director of Cricket from 2013 to 2017 and coached the 1st XI from 2014 to 2016. During this period:

- The 1st XI won the Auckland Premier R.H. Marryatt Cup in 2017.
- Rosmini finished runners-up at the National 1st XI Tournament held in Palmerston North in 2017.

He later served as Director of Cricket at Westlake Boys High School, where the 1st XI won the Auckland College Sport Premier title in 2023 and finished runners-up at the national tournament.

Representative and Academy Coaching

- Coach and selector for North Harbour Cricket since 2010.
- Head Coach of the North Harbour Winter Academy, overseeing programs involving more than 180 players.
- Led academy and development programmes for North Harbour, Takapuna, Rosmini, Westlake Boys and New Zealand Cricket initiatives.
- Coached the Auckland U17 Boys rep team in 2015.
- Head Coach of the New Zealand Cricket Academy and Workshop held in 2018 at the Massey University Albany indoor nets with the coaching support from Black Caps Glen Phillips, Locki Ferguson and Mark Chapman.



Playing Background

Before becoming a coach, Amita was an accomplished player:

- Represented Sri Lankan Schoolboys Under-19 cricket. Thurstan College 1st XI rep.
- Played Division 1 club cricket in Sri Lanka. Nomads Sports Club in P Sara Trophy.
- Played Premier cricket for Grafton United Cricket Club after moving to New Zealand in 1988. Grade cricket with Sri Lankan Cricket Club in Auckland.
- Foundation President and Foundation captain of the Sri Lankan Cricket Club in Auckland, established in 1990.

Coaching Philosophy

Amita describes his coaching and leadership style as calm and player-focused, emphasising:

- Goal setting and clear objectives
- Team values and discipline
- Effective communication
- Simple, practical coaching methods
- Technical excellence in batting and bowling.

Overall, his coaching career spans more than three decades of involvement in cricket, covering junior development, representative cricket, school cricket, premier club cricket, and cricket administration in New Zealand.

To join Amita's North Harbour-Amita Winter Academy and for One-on-One Coaching with Amita, please contact Amita on doc.tdcc@outlook.com