

# VICTORIAN TENNIS ACADEMY SUMMER OF TENNIS 2010



The highlight of Melbourne's Summer is always the tennis. This year a record of over 650,000 went to Melbourne Park to watch some of sports biggest international stars and see Roger Federer and Serena Williams underline their World #1 rankings.

Each year many VICTEN students get the chance to get up close and personal with the professionals and be inspired by the atmosphere of the Australian Open. These experiences are worth dozens of hours of coaching and practice as the aspiration generated by these occasions is wonderful.

The first great opportunity came as 18 of our students visited the historic Kooyong Tennis Club and watched the AAMI Classic. This event is unique because so many great players compete every year. This year the players got to watch Novak Djokovic, Juan Martin del Potro, Jo Wilfred Tsonga and Fernando Verdasco amongst others.

To be so close to these super stars of the game is a real treat.

In the week after Kooyong the Australian Open starts and 17 extremely lucky VICTEN students had the inspiring chance to play on Margaret Court Arena immedi-



ately before the pro's. A packed crowd was on hand to cheer on the young "Hot Shots" demonstrate their skills. After the showcase the young students had the chance to tour around the Melbourne Park grounds, a fantastic experience that included meeting a giant tennis player [below] and grabbing the give away's on offer in the trade show.

Later that week another group of students participated in a clinic that included a trip to the tennis. This group didn't get to play on the courts but the chance to see players like Gonzalez, Roddick and Monfils was inspiring. Some of these guys were experienced Aussie Open spectators and knew just where to be to get autographs and grab all the free products at the right time, a fantastic time was had by all.

We are so lucky to have these chances and to have over 50 students watching live tennis together presents a great learning experience.

A great range of more photos from the tours are available through our website.

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