

The Game Plan

'The Game Plan' is Queensland Representative School Sport's bulletin designed to deliver news to our Team Officials, Sport Executives and other key players in our sporting arena.

Queensland Representative School Sport has provided Queensland school students opportunities to access quality competitive sporting pathways for over 100 years. With district, regional, state and national level events supported by over 4,000 team officials and 200 Board, Committee and Executive members, no wonder the program delivers a world class product.

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Something in the water

Since Norfolk Island Central School joined Queensland's Department of Education last year, Darling Downs Sport Region has welcomed an influx of sporting talent.

Last term Timi Snell travelled to Rockhampton to compete in the Squash State Championships and was selected in the Queensland team to compete in the Trans-Tasman squash exchange. Timi's achievement signals the first Norfolk Island Central School student to gain selection in a Queensland Representative School Sport team. Congratulations Timi! We wish you, and the rest of the team, all the best at the exchange when you compete in Thornleigh, New South Wales in August.



Further to this, some lucky athletes and officials at the QRSS Golf State

Championships last term witnessed Will Peapell, another Norfolk Island Central School student, land a hole-in-one. This is a coveted shot for any golfer and, we believe, a first for QRSS. Golfing statistics indicate that, for an amateur, these shots have odds of 12,500 to 1, with many a golfer going through their whole career without one. Congratulations Will! We look forward to you creating more QRSS historical moments in years to come.



Selector's table

Thank you to everyone who submitted Queensland Team Official applications for the 2024 season. We received an overwhelming response, and commend each applicant on their submission/s. The detailed sporting resumes and statements of capabilities we received serve as testament to the high calibre individuals who are dedicated to supporting our world-class program.

Our recruitment process ensures selection panels thoroughly evaluate each applicant's

experience and qualifications, as well as their understanding and passion for their respective sport, and their alignment with QRSS's shared vision of equity and excellence. The panels certainly had a challenging task in selecting candidates for these positions.

Applications have been evaluated and recommendations presented to QRSS Management Committee for consideration and endorsement. Appointments will be finalised shortly, with applicants being notified by 19 July 2023.

Good luck to all who applied.

QRSS Para Track and Field Experience

Last term, QRSS and Burpengary State Secondary College (BSSC) partnered to deliver the first QRSS Para Track & Field experience. This experience developed education and awareness of the support available to belong to the representative school sport community, engage purposefully in physical activity and achieve sporting success.



The day, hosted at the University of the Sunshine Coast, was supported by BSSC Year 11 Recreation Students, and provided a valuable source of information for prospective athletes, their families, and staff. Activities were led by the [Sunshine Coast Spinners](#), [Life Stream Australia](#) and the [Queensland Academy of Sport](#). Students from schools spanning from Metropolitan areas to Bundaberg participated in a range of track and field events as well as wheelchair basketball and a sample **QAS You for 2032** testing experience.

In sport, classification is the process of categorising athletes based on an impairment and the effect it has on performance. Athletes can participate at District, Regional and State levels with a provisional level classification, however, to compete at National events, athletes must have National Level Classification.

The Year 11 students from BSSC engaged in genuine learning experiences, contributing directly to their specifically designed Recreation course, including:

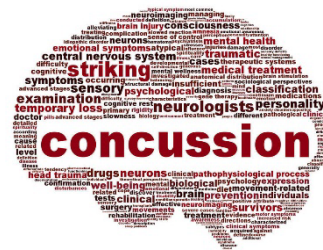
- participating in events modified for students with specific needs;
- identifying specific needs of students for the events; and
- designing lesson plans to be inclusive of students.

This program will be available for use by schools, districts, and regions to support an increase in awareness and participation in para track & field events at a local level. For more information contact us at queenslandschoolsport@qed.qld.gov.au.

QRSS Concussion Guideline – have your say!

Queensland Representative School Sport's Concussion Guideline is now available for consultation.

We have received valuable feedback from various stakeholders, but it is not too late to have your say. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in any of the upcoming stakeholder consultation sessions to be held in early August via QRSS.governance@qed.qld.gov.au.



We value all input, and feedback received will be considered during the review process. We will continue to collaborate with external organisations to gather a diverse range of perspectives.

Once the review process is finalised, we will provide further updates and information. Our goal is to keep you well-informed and ensure our guidelines align with best practice concussion management.

We thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support as we strive to create a safe and secure environment for all participants in our program. Together, we can promote the well-being of our students and maintain the highest standards of safety.

Get Involved in Sport as a Student Official!

At Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS), we believe there are countless ways for students to engage with the world of sport. That's why we're proud to present the Student Officials Program, an initiative that provides opportunities for students to take on officiating roles including referees, umpires, convenors, team managers, and more. These crucial positions play a vital role in supporting athletes during events and competitions and may lead to future careers in sport.



Additionally, our Sport Executives continue to express their eagerness to offer these opportunities to students. To make this a reality, QRSS and Sport Executives will collaborate with sporting organisations, schools, and higher education providers to tailor a model that allows even more students to get involved.

The benefits of the Student Officials Program extend far beyond the development of officiating skills. Students participating in this program also gain important life skills such as effective communication, sound decision-making, and exceptional leadership abilities. Moreover, the program offers students the chance to link their officiating experiences to their academic assessments, creating a seamless integration of learning and practical application and inspiring a lifelong passion for fair play and sportsmanship.

This year, 260 students registered their interest for the Student Officials Program, and we are excited to watch the program grow and flourish in the years to come. For more information about the QRSS Student Officials Program, visit our website and stay tuned for updates on the program's growth.

[Find out more](#)

Girls Rule: Football in Mt Isa

Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) is excited to announce that girls Football returned to the North West Sport Region last term! This is the first girls' football trial held in the region since 2021 and the excitement was contagious.

24 girls travelled from all corners of the North West Region for the trial, fighting for their position in the regional team. This was a valuable event for QRSS and the North West sporting region delivering real excellence and equity experiences for students via a Football pathway. A huge shout out to the families, teachers and staff who united to make this event happen for our students.



The girls' event seamlessly integrated with the boy's trial that has been a longstanding tradition in the region and we are eagerly anticipating the outcomes of the State Championships in Trinity Beach later this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Calem Sorenson from Football Queensland for his assistance in re-establishing this opportunity for girls, as well as Samara Christmas and Gabbie Thrift who will support the girls in their state championship experience. Best of luck to Samara, Gabbie and the North West regional team.



QRSS is committed to providing opportunities for students and staff to develop the values of leadership, resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the field. 'Around the Grounds' provides links to various opportunities for your reference.

- [Local Sporting Champions - financial assistance for coaches](#)
- [Athletics Australia: National Coach Education Calendar](#)
- [Sport Australia officiating and coaching](#)
- [Sport Australia Concussion Management](#)

Let us know if you have an event or opportunity you would like promoted here.

QRSS Cricketers smash it!

In June four QRSS Queensland cricket teams, including two boys teams and two girls teams, travelled to Darwin, Northern Territory, to compete in the School Sport Australia 12 years Cricket National Championships.

Great performances were delivered by all four teams, and special mention goes to the Queensland Maroon boys team for progressing through the championship undefeated and coming out victorious as National Champions.

Our girls Maroon team also finished a very impressive 3rd place overall, securing the bronze medal.

With the Ashes still being played in England – you never know, some of you might get a call up yet.

Congratulations to all our athletes on their achievements! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have no doubt inspired young athletes across the country.

A special thank you for the commitment of Tim, David, Matt, Janeine, Michael, Tricia, Sean, and Scott, who served as QRSS Team Officials in 2023. You make an enormous difference to the experience of each of your players. We know they appreciate you as much as we do.

We look forward to witnessing more incredible sporting moments from these talented individuals in the future.



Student Advisory Committee - Leading School Communities to make a difference!

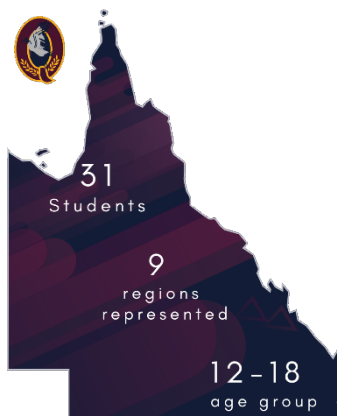
QRSS is committed to empowering students to become leaders, promote community engagement, and provide students with the tools and opportunities to create a positive impact through sport.

Through our Student Advisory Committee, students have the unique opportunity to bring their ideas to life and advocate possibilities that benefit all students involved in school sport.

We are proud to offer this unique opportunity to students, empowering them to become leaders within their school communities and make a lasting difference in Queensland Representative School Sport.

The program fosters collaboration not only within Queensland but also with other states, School Sport Australia, and the QRSS Board, creating a network of support and shared experiences.

For more information contact queenslandschoolsport@qed.qld.gov.au and watch for 2024 registrations in November this year.



Get in Touch

Have a story you would like to share? Feedback or other queries?

