

The Game Plan

'The Game Plan' is Queensland Representative School Sport's bulletin designed to deliver news, once per term, to the dedicated players in our sporting arena.

QRSS 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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Our Teams, Our People!

Queensland Representative School Sport takes pride in individuals who harbor a passion for our program and is delighted to spotlight the personal journeys of some of our inspiring individuals, shedding light on the positive influence our representative school sport program has on people, in their own way.

Caleb Law - inspiring the next generation

Caleb Law attended Kruger State School and was selected for his first Queensland Representative School Sport 10-12 years Track and Field team in 2014. Driven by his Wakka Wakka heritage, sprinter Caleb Law is ready to inspire a new generation of Indigenous athletes, following in the footsteps of Cathy Freeman from Sydney 2000.

At just 20, Caleb has already made history as the first Australian teen to reach a 200m semi-final at the World Athletics Championships and won a global medal at the World U20 Championships. Caleb is focused on paving the way for Indigenous kids. "The Olympics is the goal. I'm proud to represent Australia and my Indigenous side," he says. Growing up in Caboolture, Queensland, Caleb found his passion for athletics at 10 and returned to serious training at 15, whilst attending high school at Redbank Plains and then Morayfield SHS.

As the only known First Nations person on the Australian Athletics Team in Paris, Caleb embraces the opportunity to inspire others. Caleb continues to strive for greatness, aiming to surpass the achievements of Australian sporting icons. "I want to be better than them," he declares, committed to pushing his limits and inspiring future generations.



Taryn Gollsheskey - from Wide Bay to the world stage

As a child, Taryn had the incredible opportunity to participate in representative school sports, which laid the foundation for her athletic career. She represented Wide Bay in Athletics, Volleyball, and Soccer, and had the honour of representing Queensland in Volleyball and Athletics. She completed her schooling at Elliot Heads State School and Kepnock State High School, Bundaberg and continues to officiate for Wide Bay School Sport.

Since then, her journey in athletics has been a whirlwind of achievements and experiences. She has proudly represented Australia at various prestigious events, including the World Youths, World Juniors, two World University Games, three Commonwealth Games, and two World Championships. Currently, Taryn holds the titles of Australian and Oceania Champion, with a personal best of 61.05m.

Coming full circle, she is now a Wide Bay official, dedicating my time to nurturing the next generation of athletes. For nearly a decade, she has attended the 10-12 years Track and Field State Championships as the Wide Bay Discus Coach. Guiding young athletes and being a role model for children is a role she cherishes.

Walking away from Paris with a PB, Taryn is beyond grateful for every opportunity and enjoyed making her mark at her first Olympic games. She now focuses on returning to school sport in preparation for the School Sport Australia National Championship later this year where she will coach the shot put students.



Tatum Stewart - a journey to Paris 2024

Tatum Stewart was selected to represent Australia at the 2024 Paris Olympics as a member of the Australian Women's Hockey Team. With 30 games and 6 goals for the Hockeyroos, Tatum's performance and dedication have solidified her reputation as a key player for the team.

Growing up in Toowoomba, Tatum's passion for sports was evident early on. She participated in 25 QRSS Championships across five sports from the age of 10, first being selected for a QRSS team in cricket at just twelve years old. Her hockey talent shone through as she represented QRSS five times and was selected for the All-Australian School Girls Hockey Team after

Queensland clinched the gold medal at the Pacific School Games. During a tour in South Africa, she was named MVP, highlighting her exceptional skills.

Tatum played a crucial role in the 2023 Oceania Cup, helping the Hockeyroos secure the series win against New Zealand and qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games. She also competed in the 2023 and 2024 FIH Hockey Pro League and represented the Jillaroos at the 2023 FIH Junior World Cup in Chile, serving as Vice Captain and becoming the highest goal scorer for Australia.

Her involvement in Queensland school sport profoundly impacted her journey, providing a supportive environment that helped her develop crucial skills and a strong work ethic. The opportunities she received through Queensland School Sport were instrumental in her success, showcasing the significant role school sports play in nurturing future champions.

Currently studying Health, Sport, and Physical Education at the University of Queensland, Tatum aspires to become a teacher and give back to school sports. Her passion for sport, particularly hockey, has provided her with cherished experiences, inspiring her to continue her athletic journey and serve as a role model for future generations.



Holly Warn - from school to a Paralympic dream

Holly's swimming journey began with the school sporting pathway, which ignited her passion for the sport and helped shape her dreams. Through this program, she gained invaluable skills in competitive sport that are not readily available for students with disabilities. Holly has always

enjoyed being a member of the QRSS team and relished any opportunity to race, whether it be Athletics, Cross Country, or her chosen sport of Swimming for St Hilda's School, Southport.

In the last couple of years, Holly has focused solely on swimming as she pursued her dream of competing in the Paris Paralympics. Her selection into the Swimming Australia Para Development Squad last year and this year's selection for the team competing in the European Open Para Swimming Championships were significant milestones toward making this dream a reality. Being announced as part of the Paris Paralympic Swimming Team was a dream come true for Holly.

The QRSS pathway continues to inspire and support students with disabilities to be involved in sport and to chase their dreams.



Grace Brimelow - taking on the world at the Paralympics

Every year, from the age of 9, until this, Grace has competed in Swimming, XC, Athletics and Triathlon in the QRSS system. When Grace started, she competed in the mainstream. She was classified in 2018, and has been competing in both mainstream and Multiclass since. Grace competes in mainstream until about Regional level, and then switches to multiclass. In Cross Country and Tri, she could stay in the mainstream at States and be competitive.

Grace started her journey when her PE teacher, Maureen Cummings, recognised her potential and suggested she try Aquathlon. Grace's talent quickly shone through as she made the able-bodied Aquathlon team for the Sunshine Coast Region for two consecutive years. Once she was old enough, she transitioned into triathlons and has since made the Sunny Coast able-bodied Regional Team every year.

Over 2022 and 2023, Grace worked very hard to successfully achieve National Champion status in Triathlon, and Cross Country. Additionally, Grace's 1500m time on the running track at last year's State QRSS School Championships, is one of the best in her class in the world. She ranks above 90% in Baseline calculations. She broke the Australian record for her T38 class last year.

In 2024, she won the State XC for the 4th year in a row.

Grace's dedication and hard work paid off recently when she competed in a World Series race in Spain, achieving a fantastic result that has seen her selected for the Paris Paralympic Games 2024.



Scorecard

Water Polo success

The Water Polo teams recently travelled to Sydney to compete in an exchange with NSW. Both teams were competitive with the boys winning gold. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

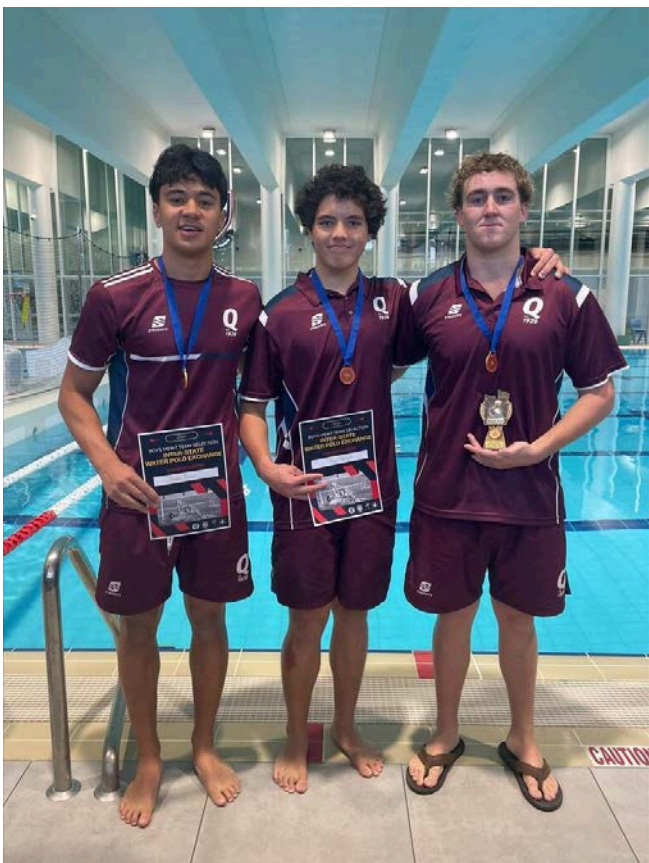
MVP - Sean Bright

Merit Team - Taoso, Sean, Tian, Willow & Sara.

Boys 🏆 🥇

Girls 🏆 🥈





12 years Rugby League success

The 12 years rugby league team excelled at the recent 12 years School Sport Australia National Championships in Canberra.

The team went through the tournament undefeated with a 24 all draw against NSW in the final.

Well done to everyone involved.



18 years Girls Rugby League success

Queensland's recent success at the Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League Championship has been nothing short of spectacular, showcasing the exceptional talent and determination of our young athletes. The U17-18 Girls' Queensland Representative School Sport team dominated the competition, winning all their matches with impressive scores.

Queensland's dominance in the championship not only highlights the depth of talent in our state but also sets a high standard for future competitions. The players' dedication and hard work have paid off, earning them the recognition they deserve. Congratulations to the entire QRSS team for their outstanding achievements and to the selected players who will now represent Australia on an even bigger stage.

We are incredibly proud of our young athletes and look forward to their continued success. Go Queensland!

Player of the final - Amanii Misa.

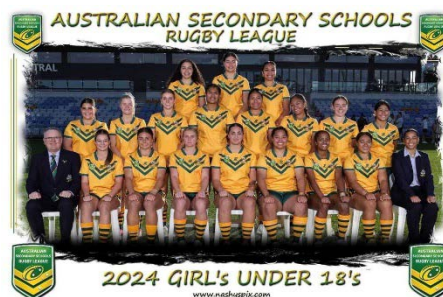
Player of the Championships - Shalom Sausao.



Australian selections - Rugby League and Rugby Union/7s

Rugby League Girls 18 years

- Mercedez Taulelei-Siala
- Shalom Sausao
- Raewyn Olomalii
- Alice Shannon
- Amanii Misa
- Reegan Hicks



Rugby League Boys 18 years

- Zac Garton
- Sam Stephenson
- Mason Barber



Rugby Union - 18 boys Australian Team

- 1 Nate Hepi
- 2 Cyrus Suniula
- 12 Zac Nichol
- 14 Blake Miller
- 19 Saxon Thompson
- 21 William Graham
- 23 Nat Thompson



Rugby 7s 17-18 years Australian Squad

- 1 Lloydies - Aaliyah Sheppard
- 2 QLD - Anna Park
- 3 QLD - Shalom Sauaso
- 6 QLD - Madison Pomerence
- 9 QLD - Tekainga Enkera-Raveora
- 11 QLD - Nikeisha Ngaru
- 14 Lloydies - Rhani Hagan
- 16 Fa'agase Tupuola-Palale



Rugby 7s 15-16 years Australian Squad

- 1 QLD - Aaliya Lama
- 2 Lloydies - Aamira Renouf
- 7 QLD - Kaia Skeen
- 9 QLD - Poppy Gibbons
- 12 Lloydies - Taliah Anderson



Swimmers break records at National Championships

- Julia R 17-19yrs 100m Breast 1.11.51 & 200m Breaststroke 2.33.76
- Amelie S 400 Individual Medley 4.55.43
- Cohen T 14yrs 100m Breast 1.05.67
- Kael T 16-19 yrs MC 50 Fly 31.48
- Olivia H 16 yrs 50m Fly 27.07
- Mackenzie B 18 yrs 50m Fly 27.35
- Noah M 16 yrs 200m Free 1.52.84
- Bryce K 14 years 50m Backstroke



- 15-16 Years Girls 4 x 50m Medley Relay 1.56.13 (Mackenzie, Georgia, Olivia, Erin)
- 17-19 Years Boys 4 x 50m Medley Relay 1.44.61 (Liam, Hajin, Jack, Kalani)
- 17-19 Years Mixed 4 x 50m Medley Relay 1.50.38 (Mackenzie, Hajin, Jack, Lola)



Selector's table

2025 Team Official Applications OPEN NOW

Apply now for your opportunity to foster and develop sporting pathways for Queensland students as a **2025 Queensland Representative School Sport – Queensland Team Official**.

Requirements:

All Queensland Team Officials must have (or be prepared to have prior to your event/s):
QCOT registration or valid Blue card

- Current first aid/CPR certification (valid for 2025)
- Principal / Line Manager approval (obtained in the year of competition)

Please refer to the [QRSS website](#) for more information



[Apply now](#)



Around the grounds

Awards and Recognition

Staff are an integral part of the QRSS pathway. They allow students the opportunity to participate by giving up their time to coach, manage and officiate at State and National Championships.

QRSS Service Awardees include:

- Mel Craig - hockey
- Matt Barritt - hockey
- Vicki Sparkes - hockey
- Life Member - Matt Barritt - hockey
- Ben Cameron - Rugby union
- Noel Gardner - Rugby union
- Matt Chapman - Rugby union
- Ben O'Connell - Rugby union

SSA Service awardees include:

- Jo Butland, AFL
- Adam Shields, AFL
- Ben Lloyd, AFL
- Brett McEvoy, AFL
- Lee Anne O'Leary, Softball
- Nikki Bairstow, Basketball



Student Officials Program

In 2024, 402 students have registered to umpire or referee at State Championships across 11 sports.

From State Championships, 66 students have been selected to represent Queensland on the national stage. This is a great opportunity for students to be recognised and receive mentoring and education at a national event.



Aleisha Neumann - inspiring others to officiate on the world stage



Queenslander Aleisha Neumann is one such individual living out her Olympic dream, as the 34-year-old one of only 14 female hockey umpires in the world to be officiating the women's hockey competition at Paris 2024.

From state carnivals to her first Olympic Games at Tokyo in 2021 - Aleisha is one of five Australian hockey officials on the sidelines of the Paris 2024 Olympics.

[Read Aleisha's story](#)

SSA Games 01



The inaugural School Sport Australia (SSA) Games was held on the Gold Coast from July 27 to August 3, 2024. This event featured over 2250 students from across Australia competing in six sports: AFL, basketball, hockey, netball, softball, and swimming.

The Games were designed to provide a multi-sport experience similar to international competitions, aligning with the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games and potentially serving as a precursor to the Brisbane 2032 Olympics. Teams from Fiji and Cook Islands also competed in the event.

Thank you to Claire M from Matthew Flinders Anglican College and Annie M from All Saints Anglican School, who did an incredible job as MCs for the School Sport Australia Opening Ceremony.

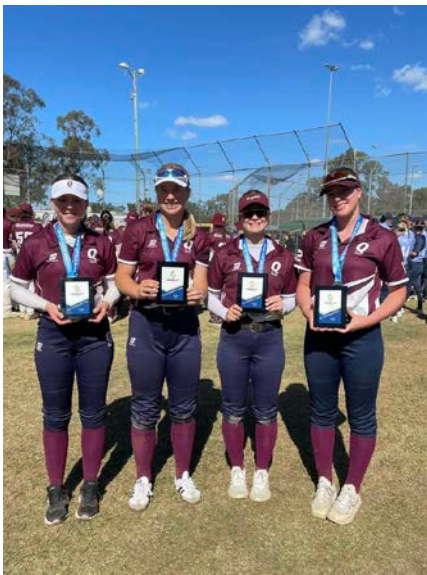


SSA Games Results

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- 15 girls AFL





Funding opportunities available

Funding for sporting opportunities are available. Please reach out to the below organisations or the students school for financial support to attend trials and Championships.

- [Emerging Athlete Pathway](#)
- [Local Sporting Champions](#)
- [Local Para Champions](#)
- [Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund](#)
- [South West Indigenous Network \(SWIN\) Pathways Program](#)
- School P&C associations



ACHPER QLD supports teachers in their career journey from student through to retiree by providing information, education, resources, advice and connections throughout the education industry.

To engage in professional learning visit the [2024 calendar](#) for more information.



The Coaching Women and Girls initiative was established to support coaches in community sport to create safe, inclusive, welcoming and fun environments for women and girls.

[Learn more](#) about some of the physical, physiological, and psychosocial considerations that impact women and girls' that can drive their inclusion and participation in sport.

Get in Touch

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



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