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Queensland Representative School Sport

## 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.

Our Teams Our People stories

## Rhani Hagan - Touching greatness and tackling the future

Rhani Hagan, representing the Quandamooka, Kullilli, and Turrbal peoples, has been an active contributor to school sports, excelling in athletics, touch football, rugby league, and rugby 7s during her time at St Francis Xavier School Goodna and St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School in the Metropolitan West region. Rhani has been selected for Queensland and Australia's national teams in both touch football and rugby 7s within the school sport program. Her talent and dedication have led her to international competition; she represented Australia in rugby 7s at the 2023 Youth Commonwealth Games, where she secured a gold medal. Looking ahead, she aspires to join the Australian women's rugby 7s team for the Olympics.

The importance of the QRSS program



View Rhani's story



View Kobi's story

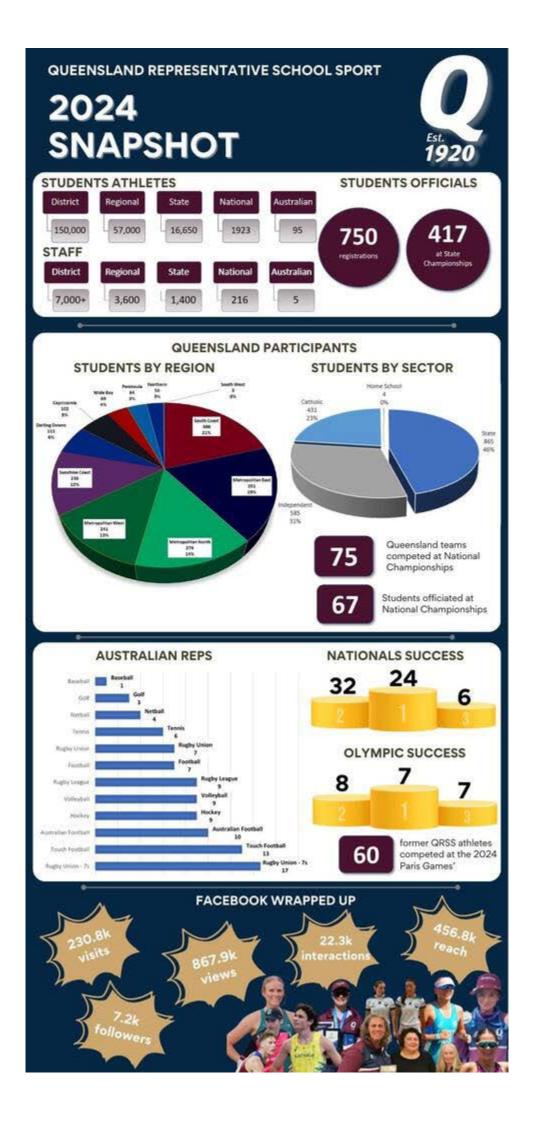
Kobi Walker - Racing to success on and off the track

Kobi Walker, a talented long-distance runner from Moreton Bay College in the Metropolitan East region, has represented her school, region, and state in cross country and track and field. If you'd asked her five years ago if she'd ever be heading to the United States on a college scholarship, she wouldn't have believed it. Now, she's thrilled to announce her commitment to join the Mizzou Tigers at the University of Missouri. In recent years, Kobi has focused on school sports, working hard to improve her results and recently winning gold in the 1500m and 5000m state championships. Outside of athletics, she runs Foodie Spread, a catering and grazing platter business, and recently launched Kobi's Kitchen, offering healthy meal sachets. She's passionate about making healthy eating and a balanced lifestyle accessible and enjoyable.



A snapshot of 2024

2024 All wrapped up video



#### Taking Q Series to the regions

A huge thank you to Capricornia School Sport and Metropolitan North School Sport for hosting an amazing day of inclusivity as part of the Q Series in 2024!

We couldn't have done it without the incredible support of Cricket Queensland, Netball Queensland, Queensland Touch Football, Football Queensland, Tennis Queensland, Volleyball Queensland and AFL Queensland. These partnerships make days like this possible, providing unforgettable experiences for both staff and students!

#whatrainincludedthroughsport#QSeries#Champion#seeityoucanbeit#whichregionisnext #QueenslandDepartmentofEducation





#### 2025 Team Official appointments

Congratulations to all officials who have been appointed to district, regional and Queensland Team Official roles for 2025.

2025 QRSS QId Team Officials





#### **Beyond the Finish Line: Celebrating Sporting Achievements**

This survey captures the spirit of going above and beyond in sports, highlighting the journey and dedication that lead athletes to victory.

Highlight the powerful stories of your success - whether it's overcoming challenges, pushing through hard training, or showing resilience in the face of obstacles.

This is open to all staff and students in Queensland.



Submit your story

#### Student umpire/referee program

Queensland Representative School Sport runs a successful student official program. The student officials' program was introduced to provide an alternative pathway for students to be involved in the QRSS program in the sport of their choice as a referee or umpire. This program has continued to provide valuable learning opportunities for students across the state that they may not get in club sport. The student officials program aims to:

- Provide a pathway for all students
- Grow excellence
- Strengthen pathways
- Maximise learning

Moving forward in 2025, QRSS will work with State Sporting Organisations (SSO) to appoint mentors/educators for State Championships (SC) and select student officials for State Championships through their own registration process.

QRSS will work with the SSO's to ensure students have opportunities to be involved and continue to pursue their interest in officiating beyond the event.

Registration links for students:

- AFL https://www.cognitoforms.com/AFLQueensland/QRSSAFLStudentUmpireEOI
- Basketball <u>https://forms.gle/rEQ2CCUhGTz5VYLRA</u>
- Football email referees@footballgueensland.com.au
- Hockey <a href="https://www.hockeyqld.com.au/events/271735">https://www.hockeyqld.com.au/events/271735</a>
- Netball <u>https://forms.office.com/r/gU8v8V8tXw</u>
- Rugby League <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/jgkgJyzsyM?origin=lprLink">https://forms.office.com/r/jgkgJyzsyM?origin=lprLink</a>
- Softball https://forms.gle/cNLhopc5jSqTu7Lz5
- Touch Football <u>https://forms.office.com/r/Efi0yLCc1F</u>
- Water Polo to be confirmed



#### **Student Advisory Committee**

Hear what the students have to say

In collaboration with school sport student leaders, the QRSS Student Advisory Committee have an opportunity to engage in an experience for sport leaders to network and develop skills to **empower student leadership and agency** as well as **community engagement** through "leading your school communities to make a difference in the world of school sport".

The QRSS Student Advisory Committee and local school sport leaders will collaborate with Future Anything to discuss:

- Access opportunities for all students in Queensland in all aspects of school sport.
- Building capacity of others through leadership.
- Bringing their *ideas to life* in their schools and communities.
- Reducing barriers and increasing opportunities to access sport for a long term positive impact.

#### The Big Ideas Sport Challenge!

Students from a range of high schools gathered to develop and pitch a school-based project that enhances participation in sport last Friday in collaboration with Future Anything and the Queensland Representative School Sport Student Advisory Committee.

In this challenge, students developed an actionable project to take back and implement in their schools to

make sports more inclusive, exciting, and accessible for everyone.

If you want to be involved in the future, please reach out to <u>queenslandschoolsport@qed.qld.gov.au</u> to help spark change and inspire others to get active and be involved in the program in 2025.



#### SSA Games 02 and SSA Games 03



The School Sport Australia (SSA) Games brings together the nation's most talented young athletes for a week of exciting competition and camaraderie. Held in various locations across Australia, the event showcases the incredible skill, determination, and sportsmanship of students from all states and territories.

Key Highlights:

- Multisport Excellence: Over 7 sports are featured at the same time, offering a platform for students to excel in their chosen disciplines.
- State Pride: Each state and territory vied for top honours, fostering friendly rivalry and a sense of unity, earning numerous team and individual accolades.
- Pathway to Excellence: The SSA Games serves as a stepping stone for many athletes aiming for national and international representation, with scouts and coaches identifying future stars.
- Community Spirit: Beyond competition, the event fosters friendships and connections, uniting athletes, coaches, and families in a shared love for sport.

The School Sport Australia Games reinforces the importance of school sports in nurturing not only athletic talent but also values of perseverance, teamwork, and mutual respect, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.

#### School Sport Australia Games 02 Term 3 - 2025 **City of Moreton Bay**

- Australian Football 15 years and under (26 Jul -2 Aug 2025)
  Basketball Combined age group (26 Jul 1 Aug 2025)
  Bowls 18 years and under (26 Jul 30 Jul 2025)
  Football (soccer) 18 years and under (26 Jul 1 Aug 2025)
  Golf 18 years and under (26 Jul 1 Aug 2025)
  Notball (5 wars and under (26 Jul 1 Aug 2025)

- Netball 15 years and under (26 Jul 1 Aug 2025)
- Rugby League 12 years and under (26 Jul 1 Aug 2025)

#### School Sport Australia Games 03 Term 4 – Ballarat 2025

- Cricket 12 years and under (25 Oct 31 Oct 2025)
- Football (soccer) 12 years and under (25 Oct 30 Oct 2025)
  Golf 12 years and under (25 Oct 29 Oct 2025)

- Netball 12 years and under (25 Oct 29 Oct 2025)
  Netball 12 years and under (25 Oct 31 Oct 2025)
  Softball 12 years and under (25 Oct 30 Oct 2025)
  Swimming 10 12 years (25 Oct 29 Oct 2025)
  Tennis 12 years and under (25 Oct 1 Nov 2025)
- Touch Football combined age groups (25 Oct- 30 Oct 2025)





#### 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

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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.



#### For more information

Kick start your career in sport with TAFE Queensland's Academy of Sport. Undertake code specific training in an industry setting with real-life integrated learning.

To engage in professional

### learning visit the <u>website</u> 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. <u>Learn more</u> about the considerations that impact women and girls' participation in sport.
- The Physical Education (PE) <u>Essential</u> <u>skills course</u> is designed to help primary teachers build the skills and confidence to deliver purposeful and engaging PE. The free online course helps build the skills and confidence to deliver fun and engaging PE lessons while earning professional learning hours for their development.



We're looking for young Queenslanders with the potential to be champions.

Led by the Queensland Academy of Sport, this program helps find and develop future elite athletes by connecting them with coaches, and support to help them succeed.

If you're aged 8-23 (Olympic sports) or 13-30 (Paralympic sports), <u>sign up now</u> and begin your journey.

#### Get in Touch

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







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