

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.

Shalom Sauaso: A Force to Be Reckoned With in Rugby 7s & Rugby League

In the realm of rugby, there are few athletes as dynamic and impactful as Shalom Sauaso. With her remarkable talent and relentless determination, Sauaso has emerged as a formidable presence in both Rugby 7s and Rugby League, representing both sports within the Queensland Representative School Sport program.

Sauaso's journey to success was paved with passion and perseverance. The Ipswich SHS student, representing Metropolitan West, quickly embraced the game, displaying an innate flair for both Rugby 7s and Rugby League, with determination and commitment to always be the best she can be.

School sport holds immense importance as it signifies taking every opportunity and giving her utmost effort during her academic years. The representative school sport pathway has allowed the opportunity to build friendships, meeting students from diverse regions and states. The opportunities have been incredibly rewarding, offering new perspectives and insights under various coaches.

Looking ahead, the future shines bright for Shalom Sauaso, recently debuting for the Queensland Reds, scoring two tries and making two try saving tackles. She aspires to continue pursuing both sports for as long as possible and upon leaving school, aims to continue playing while also nurturing and supporting aspiring young female athletes, fostering their love and skill in sports.

Whether she's representing her school, district, region or state in Rugby League or Rugby 7s, one thing is certain: Shalom Sauaso is a force to be reckoned with in the world of rugby.



Queenslander preparing for Paris!

Hear from Jake Whetton at our 100 days to #Paris2024 event today where the Queenslander spoke about vying for his third Olympics and the importance of leaving a legacy - special shout out to Felix for getting involved as well.



Hear from Jake Whetton

Celebrating National Championship Success

QRSS Triathlon and Aquathlon teams headed west to compete at the 2024 School Sport Australia National Championships. The team returned to Queensland with at least 47 medals – the most successful campaign in history and the 17th National victory!

The Queensland Maroon team captured all six Individual Triathlon National Titles, Boys Aquathlon and all Multiclass National Championships Categories as well as the Aquathlon, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Relays and All Age Relays. The Queensland White team proved to be a force to be reckoned with numerous Top 10 individual results. Finishing 4th overall shows the strength of Queensland on the national stage.

The sportsmanship and support for all athletes by the Queenslanders throughout the event had the Western Australian triathlon community, race officials and other states in awe of the students in the team. A valuable learning experience for everyone created a wonderful atmosphere throughout the event.



[QRSS Triathlon Photo Album](#)



Scorecard

Swimmers break records at State Championships



Here's 29 record breakers who surged to great heights at the Queensland School Sport swimming championships as originally published by the [Courier Mail](#).

Julia Remington

An All Saints Anglican School swimming ace, Remington broke three individual records. She smashed the girls 17-19 years 200m breaststroke record with a swim in 2:30.17. Remington also lowered the 17-19 years 200m IM mark by almost three seconds, winning in a blazing 2:18.43. Then in the girls 17-19 years 100m breaststroke, Rimington found a time of 1:10.44, just ahead of the previous record of 1:10.45.

Olympia Pope

Gold Coast swimmer Olympia Pope broke girls 16 years 200m breaststroke record with a swim of 2:35.79, going well past the previous mark of 2:36.73. Pope also broke the record in the 100m breaststroke, leaving all behind her to win in 1:10.48. Pope was also involved in the 13-16 years 200 Medley Relay record breaking team.

Georgia Edwards

The Matthew Flinders Anglican College student broke into uncharted waters when she secured a record in the girls 15 years 50m breaststroke event, swimming a flat 32 seconds to pass the previous mark of 32.53. Then, in the 100m breaststroke, Edwards powered to the wall, touching in 1:10.24 which was a new record time.

Emily Holmes, Olympia Pope, Bianca Rayward, Anabelle Aulert

South Coast swimmers Holmes, Pope, Rayward and Aulert combined to break the girls 13-16 years 200m Medley Relay record by .65, recording a time of 1:58.11.

Ethan Slatter

Representing Met West, Slatter surged through the water in the 16 years 100m butterfly, swooping to record 56.08, bettering the previous record of 56.53.

Olivia Hine

Somerville House's Hine soared to a new record in the 16 years 50m butterfly in 27.45 seconds which went beyond the old best time of 27.63.

Jack Moore

The St Joseph's Gregory product, Rackley Centenary's Jack Moore continued his stellar swimming career by breaking the boys 17-19 years 50m butterfly recording a withering 25.13 seconds.

Hajin Jun

Saint Stephen's College student Jun broke the Boys 17-19 years age group, passing the 50m breaststroke record (29.37) with a swim of 29.29.

Kayden Gibson

Competing for Capricornia in the gruelling 200m butterfly event, the 16 years swimmer crushed the old record by almost two seconds with a time of 2:05.71 seconds.

Amelie Smith

Smith produced a great performance to rise to the occasion in the 16 years 200m girls' IM. She powered to the wall in 2:19.68, smashing the previous record of 2:22.58.

Matilda Grimson, Lacey Strachan, Tribeca Liu, Zahri Jarrett

These outstanding swimmers combined to break the girls 13-15 years 200m medley relay. Representing the South Coast region, then squeezed past the old mark recording 1:59.47.

Nash Walker, Lucas Guan, Tommy McDonald, Cormac Powell

In the boys 10 years old 200m medley relay the Met East team of Nash Walker, Lucas Guan, Tommy McDonald and Cormac Powell all powered to a record in 2:27.57.

Zahri Jarrett, Naiya Saladas, Maya Zunker, Tribeca Liu

The South Coast swim team had plenty to smile about at the championships, and adding to the celebrations were the performances from these elite young swimmers. In the girls 13-15 years 200m Freestyle Relay they combined to secure a record breaking time of 1:47.68.

Ava Camenzuli, Mya Harris, Zara Wogan, Roxanne Albertyn

The South Coast region success flowed courtesy of this foursome in the girls 13 Years 200m freestyle relay. The team combined to secure a time of 1:51.08.

Charu Croker, Georgia Edwards, Emily Jack, Ruby Anderson

The sun certainly shined across the Sunshine Coast region when Croker, Edwards, Jack and Anderson stood tall in the girls 13-15 200m Medley Relay, setting a record of 1:59.30.





Selector's table

2025 Team Official Applications OPEN SOON

Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) leads the delivery of competitive sporting pathways for affiliated state and non-state schools across Queensland. The program offers representative pathways in 21 sports with over 150,000 students participating each year, across district, regional, state and national levels.

A curriculum vitae and writing to 3 key capabilities will be required to be submitted.

Keep an eye out for 2025 officials applications that will open this term.

[Apply now](#)



Around the grounds

Struddys - official merchandise and apparel provider

Struddys is the official merchandise supplier for Queensland Representative School Sport. Across all 21 sports, families have the opportunity to purchase souvenir apparel from State Championships or online.

The new apparel best represents our program through the classic Queensland maroon and a consistent design across all 21 sports.

Keep an eye out for these items at State Championships across the state!

We look forward to continuing to develop this partnership with Struddys for all things QRSS.





Struddys will also capture memorable moments of staff and students at State Championships.

Take a look at the recent [Baseball](#) highlight reel.

Awards and Recognition

Staff can nominate or be nominated for sport awards. These awards are the recognition of commitment and deviation to their chosen sport.

Sport Executives will then determine eligibility with awards presented at State championships where possible.



Student Officials Program



In 2024, 343 students registered to be a student umpire or referee at State Championships. Student Official Managers having been working to select students to officiate at the events.

From this opportunity, students have the opportunity to represent Queensland on the national stage.

Wyatt Raymond: 'A childhood dream comes true'



Wyatt Raymond attended Annadale State School, Townsville and continued his education at Ignatius Park College. He was successful in being selected in district rugby league teams throughout his schooling and begun refereeing in high school. As a referee, he officiated at all State Championships from Vic Jensen Cup to the 18 years boys events.

Originally a member of the Townsville and Districts Rugby League Referees Association, Raymond packed up his life in Queensland in 2021 to become a full-time NRL match official.

He recently realised his dream when he officiated the Round 6 clash between Melbourne Storm and the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

SSA Games 01



The launch of the School Sport Australia Games was last week. The inaugural SSA Games will be hosted by the Gold Coast, Queensland,

The inaugural event will see over 4000 participants and spectators converge on the Gold Coast July 27-August 3, 2024, to compete across six sports: AFL, basketball, hockey, netball, softball and swimming.

Thank you to the students from Queensland who were involved in the launch of the event and the design of the SSA Games logo.

[Watch the launch here](#)

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](#)
- [Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund](#)
- [South West Indigenous Network \(SWIN\) Pathways Program](#)
- School P&C associations

Student Advisory Committee Networking Day

In collaboration with [Future Anything](#), the QRSS Student Advisory Committee were involved in a networking day for sport leaders to network and develop skills to **empower student leadership and agency** as well as **community engagement** through "leading school communities to make a difference in the world of school sport".

The QRSS Student Advisory Committee and local school sport leaders discussed:

- 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.

Students will deliver projects in their schools across 2024 to increase participation in sport and increase awareness and access to the QRSS program.



Professional Development Opportunity



Women in High Performance Coaching Showcase
"Showcasing the bright spots of Queensland Women's High Performance and Pathway Coaching Initiatives"

The Australian Institute of Sport, Queensland Academy of Sport and Sport and Recreation (Department of Tourism and Sport) are delighted to invite you to attend the Women in High Performance Coaching Showcase.

The showcase is an opportunity for the AIS Women in High Performance Coaching (WiHPC) project team led by Michelle De Highden to engage with a broader group of stakeholders across the pathway, share the insights from the Project and to showcase the bright spots and pockets of 'good work' within the system.

It will be a chance to grow your toolkit for driving change by learning from the experience of others. The WiHPC Project Team will also outline '**nudges to test within the system**' that have potential to shift the dial for women's experiences and representation in coaching.

[Register here](#)

Get in Touch

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



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