



Newsletter February 2023

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WELCOME



THERE'S ONLY ONE ALL SCHOOLS! 500+ RECORD NUMBERS AT ALL SCHOOLS

Just when we thought it couldn't possibly get any better – or bigger, for the first time in our amazing history we have cracked the 500 barrier!

Whether you have been coming for twenty years or whether this is your first time, we at Queensland All Schools are confident you will have the best possible touch football experience. Well done to you all for making the one and only All Schools the best.

PARTICIPATION ADVICE

An important part of our organisation is the return of information regarding the specifics of your participation.

It is critical that you read the requirements carefully and return the form to us on time.

If you are unable to provide aspects just ensure you update

later and or when you have that information.

Please double check your entries and if you make changes from the original nomination, alert me to them on the PA form.

The invoicing process is done from information on this form so please check for accuracy.

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST TIME SCHOOLS IN 2023

A very special welcome to all the new first time schools attending the event.

It is certainly great to see students and teachers attending for the first time, there are thousands of regulars who will confirm with you that there is an exciting and enjoyable experience ahead for all of you.

We say it is the highlight of the school year!

First time schools include:

- Assumption College Warwick
- Brisbane South State Secondary College
- Canberra Girls Grammar
- Dulwich College (Singapore)
- Holy Spirit College
- Livingstone Christian College
- Marlborough College (Malaysia)
- McAuley College
- Mt St Michael's
- Palmview Secondary College
- Parklands Christian College
- Pittsworth SHS
- Rivermount College
- San Damiano College
- Sophia College
- Southern Cross CC (Scarborough)
- St Mary's College (Cairns)
- Toowoomba Anglican School
- Trinity Grammar School (NSW)
- Woodcrest State College

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DULWICH COLLEGE SINGAPORE

Dulwich College (Singapore) is a leading international school with a British independent school ethos, drawing upon the proud 400-year heritage, excellence, innovation and values of the founding school in London.

Part of the Dulwich College International network of schools, Dulwich College (Singapore) has a global outlook and contemporary approach, reflecting the diversity of the students from 2 to 18 years.

The state-of-the-art green campus and rich academic, sports, arts and music curriculum are designed to help each individual child reach their potential and make a positive difference in the world.

At Dulwich, students are encouraged to take on a variety of sports, with many sports on offer, with Football, Netball, Rugby, and Basketball being the most popular.

The College focuses on inclusivity in sport but also runs pathway programmes which aim to develop their elite players in their respective sports.

The College is extremely proud to have an emerging Touch programme that has exploded in popularity in recent years!



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ALL SCHOOLS PRELIMINARY GAMES

Just confirming that in order to provide maximum opportunities at the event we have had to cover as many games as is possible to lighten the load.

There are two ways you can help – one is to register for your local Regional All Schools. These are usually conducted in your local touch community region (see below) Many of you already play in these events as a lead in and for practice before the Queensland All Schools.

If you do not play in any of these and it is not possible for you to commit, then you may be required to play one off games at your

school or at the school of your competitor.

When I construct the draw I will usually pair up some close schools in the same Pool which can then be used as an All Schools fixture.

The home team may have the advantage, but they also have to organize an independent referee.

These Preliminary games enable us to invite more schools and therefore we hope that you can play your part. If you have major issues with a scheduled Preliminary Game you may have to reconsider your nomination

and allow for someone to take your place.

Remember it is strict condition of entry to be able to meet draw obligations. Please discuss with me any concerns.

DATES FOR REGIONAL ALL SCHOOLS

- Sunshine Coast - 30 July Caboolture
- South West Qld - 6 August Toowoomba
- Brisbane – 12/13 August Venue tbc
- North Qld - 19 August Townsville
- SQBD – Palm Beach Touch
- Central Qld - working on August Date & venue to be confirmed



There's something for everyone on the glorious Gold Coast, even Superheroes!

LEVY PAYMENT

For all the first time schools, please be aware of the levy payment deadline.

It is strictly end of Queensland Schools term one or the COB Friday 31 March 2023.

You shall soon begin to receive invoices direct to your school email for forwarding to the relevant finance person at your school.

Please action immediately as we often have issues with the invoice sitting in a tray somewhere.

Failure to pay the levy on time will, in the first instance, receive a friendly reminder before your teams are replaced by one of the many desperate reserve schools.

Should you have any issues whatsoever please communicate with Peter Bell.

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REFEREES

As most of you would be aware the requirement of providing one student referee per school is now mandatory.

Thank you in advance for committing to this initiative in your school. I am confident that you will benefit long term for ensuring the development of student referees as part of your on-going touch program.

For newer schools all our referees are paid (see Referee Policy) and they are also required to do a minimum of 10 games at the All Schools.

They must wear either the QAS official referee uniform or the pink TFA referee shirt. No other shirts are allowed. Inferno can assist with referee uniforms.

Another task you need to complete is to provide to us your student referee names by the end of term 1 (April 1) the same day as payments are due.

Registration of your referees will take place throughout term 2 and 3 and or as they come and go. More about this in later newsletters.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a link to purchase referee uniforms.



NON REGISTERED TEACHERS/STAFF

Please be aware that we have tightened guidelines around the use of persons who are not registered teachers or on staff at your schools.

Previously there have been a few parents and other community persons fulfilling tasks with your teams.

We are happy for this to continue (you need all the help you can get!) however, given some issues we have had with some non teacher coaches and parents in particular, the following rules (see Conditions of Play 2023 note 5.4) shall apply in 2023 –

During games teams may have up to 14 players in the sub box in playing attire plus up to 3 coach/managers or 17 persons in total.

No other individuals may be in the box area at any time during the

game. Parents are not permitted in the sub box area at any time during games unless they are registered as staff.

Schools that have appointed Parents or non-teaching persons must ensure that they are firstly under the direction/supervision of the registered teacher responsible for the school's teams during all games at the event and secondly, that they understand that they are also under the direction of the Tournament Director.

Please reinforce the codes of conduct with all your staff. Poor and unsportsmanlike behaviour by students is a direct result of the example set by the Coach.

We do not want to have to suspend a team for this and hope you can assist us to maintain the same standards expected in a classroom or at your school.

WEBSITE

Please be aware that while we do provide these regular newsletter/information alerts we also have a website that contains loads of critical information for you.

If you have a query, please check here first as often I will answer the question with – “that is on the

website”. A particularly relevant section is the Resources tab. Under Event Details the drop-down list will provide everything from Conditions of Play and relevant policies to Progression to Finals etc.

Check out the website www.qldallschools.com.au



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ACCOMMODATION SORTED!

The Gold Coast was born for hosting. There are accommodation options up to your eyeballs - and some very cool ones to say the least.

Just like people, accommodation comes in all shapes and sizes.

Whatever your taste or budget, you'll be sure to find a Gold Coast accommodation option to suit your needs on the Gold Coast. Hotels, Apartments, Ocean-side accommodation properties with breathtaking views, secluded mountain villas, gorgeous swimming pools (some shared with tropical fish), award

winning restaurants and spas are just few of the options available for your Gold Coast Holiday.

Secure your home away from home www.destinationgoldcoast.com/where-to-stay/

THANK YOU

Please accept a big thank you for the way you have all helped us get this massive event off and running.

We really do appreciate your efforts (on top of everything else you do) in getting the students organized and ensuring our job is much easier.

We couldn't do it without you!!



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