



Newsletter July 2025

GOLD COAST TITANS ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH

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595

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- The first All Schools in 1983 had 10 boys teams and 8 girls teams in total and was held at Balmoral State High School in Brisbane.

- All Schools was the very first Junior touch event to incorporate multiple junior division 18s, 15s and 13s as well as Mixed.

- Cowboys NRL legend Matty Bowen was Player of the Final in the 18 Boys All Schools GF in 1999. His Abergowrie team defeated Mabel Park SHS.
- Current Australian Open Women's Coach, Renee

Murphy played at All Schools for Keebra Park and current Australian Men's coach Phil Gyemore, played for Harristown SHS.

- Before the "drop off" tied games at All Schools and other touch events were decided by 'the decider' which was a 2 v 1 skill challenge.

(Read below)

TOUCH HISTORY - THE DECIDER

Few people would know or even remember that before drop offs the decider was used.

On finishing a game the two teams would proceed to a pre marked area of the ground (it was often given the name – the "Thunderdome") approx. 20m by 8 metres where 5

pairs of attackers (the coach would choose) would challenge 5 individual defenders (again chosen by the coach) in a 2 versus 1 skill activity.

The game referees would preside over this challenge and each team would have a turn of 5 attempts to score. The team with the most scores out

of 5 would win the decider. If it was still tied after 5 it would continue one for one until someone missed.

Like a drop off there was enormous pressure on players and you could imagine the crowd gathered around a 20m area cheering the combatants on.



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United World College Of South East Asia

Not many would know but the United World College of South East Asia (Singapore) have been coming to All Schools since 2003.

That's pretty much 22 years continuously. The school has produced a stack of Singapore and even England Internationals. Well done guys – we love having you here.



REFEREES WANTED

We are always in need of referees for the event. If you are interested in refereeing, please contact us.

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. Referees 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.

For Referee Registration use the link:
sportsm8.azurewebsites.net

The Process is summarised below.

REFEREE PROCESS



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Minimum order of any kit is 10

Playing Shirt / Singlet include All Schools Logo - Inferno Logo plus one other

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STUDENT IN FOCUS

Tamu Sabatino

Year 11 Student, Tagai State College

Home Island: Hammond Island

Hammond Island (Indigenous name: Keriri or Kiriri) is an island in the Torres Strait. It has a total population of less than 300 people.

The Kaurareg people have occupied the island well before first contact with Europeans. They followed traditional patterns of hunting, fishing and agriculture, and maintained close cultural and trading ties with the Aboriginal groups of the Northern Peninsula Area of Cape York.

We asked Tamu whose favourite touch position is middle, a few questions about his experience at All Schools in 2024.



1. What was it like playing last year?

Last year was our first time going to the all schools touch carnival and it was a great opportunity for all of us. We got to experience what a large carnival was like and was crazy to see how many schools were at the carnival.

It was great meeting so many people and having the opportunity to experience so many games.

We weren't used to playing so many back to back games because of where we live. We had so much fun at the carnival and doing a heap of team

activities like swimming in the ocean with waves, wet n wild and water parks.

It was also super cool because heaps of the team had never been to the Gold Coast before.

2. What is playing touch football like at school - on Tagai (some insights for city students!!)

Touch football is popular at our school and we play a lot at lunch time and in HPE. Touch football is a little different at our school because we play 'island touch' which is super similar to normal touch but slightly different rules.

When we do training we play and learn the rules for normal

touch to prepare us for the carnival.

During rainy season we don't get to play touch as much because it rains too much for us to use our school oval.

3. What preparation have you and the team been doing to prepare for All Schools?

We have been training hard 2 times a week early morning. I have to wake up super early and catch a dinghy (boat) from my Island to get to training, (I live on Hammond Island, next to Thursday Island where the Highschool is located).

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Tamu Sabatino

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We are also playing in a local comp to improve our skills. On Thursday Island we don't have much of an opportunity to play regular games or competitions because we are the only high school.

We try our training drills with teachers and local police. A big thank you to them for helping us prepare and getting good at touch.

4. What are you looking forward to the most about this years All Schools?

I'm looking forward to making friends with teammates and connecting with other students from down south.

I am excited to learn more about touch and speak with people



TAMU IN ACTION LAST YEAR

who are skilled and professional in touch football. I'm looking forward to having a run with the other schools and show them our island skills and speed.

This is my 2nd time going down to the carnival and it's

a good opportunity for me to develop my skills.

5. What does representing your school & community at this carnival mean to you?

It means a lot to me because I am representing my family and where I come from in the Torres Strait, we don't get many opportunities to play in down south carnivals so this carnival is important for us as young children from Straits.

6. Any tips for first time all schools students?

My tips would be to train a lot, have fun when you play, communicate with your teammates to play a good game.



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THE ALL SCHOOLS DRAW

Without stating the obvious – the All Schools event is massive. The draw is an absolute nightmare for Tournament Director, Peter Bell and usually takes around 6 weeks to complete the first draft.

Here are just some of the specifics:

- There are over 2000 games to be played across 7 separate divisions
- There are 77 individual round robins occurring concurrently with each round robin usually requiring 28 games to be played
- Teams have to be placed according to geographic

- location, seed or ranking, private or state education system and other criteria to ensure a good mix of schools
- There are 31 available fields and 26 time slots covering the 5 days of competition
- It is not uncommon to see upwards of 6, 7 or more draw versions due to attrition

REGIONAL ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We would like to encourage as many schools as possible to sign up for their local Regional All Schools. Remember your preliminary game can be played here. See below for dates and venue.

REGION	DATE	VENUE
South Queensland & Border	23/24 July	Owen Park, Southport
South West Qld	3 August	Toowoomba Touch Association
Sunshine Coast	10 August	Caboolture
Brisbane City	15-17 August	Somerfields, Dunn Road, Rocklea
Central Qld	TBC	TBC
Wide Bay All Schools	4 September	Bundaberg Touch Association

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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