



Celebrating sporting achievements

2025

Victorian
School Sports
Awards



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12.00pm

Master of Ceremonies

Laura Hingston

Australian 10m Platform Diver &
Broadcast Sports Journalist

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Parliamentary Secretary for Education

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Rayoni Nelson

Chief Executive Officer, School Sport Victoria

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2.30pm



Minister's Message

Welcome to the Victorian School Sports Awards

Sport offers so much. It teaches teamwork and cooperation. It encourages health and fitness. It boosts confidence and resilience. Sport participation also goes hand in hand with improved academic performance. That's why School Sport Victoria encourages students to take part.

Student engagement and achievement is one of our priorities as the Education State. Education empowers young people to unlock their potential. Our vision is for excellent learning in every classroom – and every sports field.

The Victorian School Sports Awards are now in their 32nd year. They showcase talent in all major categories of school sport. They celebrate the schools and individuals making great contributions to sport. They also recognise all those who get behind our young athletes to support them to succeed.

This year, 36 outstanding students are receiving awards. These young people have achieved remarkable success in their chosen sport. They have also shown leadership, drive and fairness both on and off the sporting field.

Thank you to everyone who has helped these young athletes achieve their potential.

I congratulate all award winners and nominees.

I wish you every success for the future!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Carroll".

Hon Ben Carroll MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education
Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC



Master of Ceremonies



Laura Hingston

Australian 10m Platform Diver & Broadcast Sports Journalist

Laura Hingston is a 4-time National Champion, 6-time International Medallist, and a proud member of the Australian National Diving Team. After battling through a four year tricep injury, Laura had one of her best international seasons in 2025 where she finished 5th overall in the World Cup Series. She is one of Australia's leading 10m platform divers, representing the nation at major international events including the World Championships, World Cups, and World Aquatic Designated events.

Laura's journey to the top is anything but typical. Originally a National Team gymnast, her career was cut short by a serious back injury requiring surgery. At 18, she made the bold transition to diving through the Victorian Institute of Sport, a move that would redefine her path. Her rapid rise through the ranks is a testament to her resilience, fierce determination, and fearless mindset.

Beyond the pool, Laura is a qualified journalist and works in broadcast media and is a prolific keynote speaker around her training commitments. She's passionate about storytelling, community, and inspiring others to chase their boldest goals.

"Be limitless and dare to dream"



Guest Presenters



Gabriella Blewitt

Gaby Blewitt is an Australian Taekwondo athlete, who recently became a Senior World Championship Bronze Medallist at age 18. Gaby started training at age 4, first competing at age 7 locally. At age 17, she relocated away from her family in Sydney to Melbourne to train full time at the National Performance

Centre as she was selected to be a full-time athlete for the Australian CombatAUS team. Moving out of home, away from her loving parents and two younger sisters brought an array of challenges and discomforts but these have only led to growth and opportunities to learn. Outside of her sporting goals she is currently studying a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne, balancing work, training, study, social time and the demands of living out of home.

Gaby is striving to break the 25 year Australian Taekwondo Olympic medal drought and working towards a career in medicine. She also coaches and is passionate about sharing her experiences and knowledge with her community both through Taekwondo and through public speaking.



Reece Langdon

Growing up on a farm in Golburn, Reece embraced his love of running, competing in every event at athletics carnivals and cross country at school.

At the age of six, Reece contracted severe streptococcal, which led to being diagnosed with cerebellitis. This resulted in permanent ataxia, coordination impairment, temperature

regulation issues, and general weakness on the left side of his body. After moving to Canberra with his family, he asked his Dad to drop him off at the AIS track one day, and as they say the rest is history.

Reece was officially classified a T38 para-athlete in 2022, and immediately set Australian open T38 800m (1:56.21) and 1500m (3:52.80) records. At the 2023 Australian Athletics Championships, he won the Men's 1500m T38.

In June 2023, he was named in his first Australian team, where he won a silver medal in the Men's 1500m T38 at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships in Paris. Reece also won bronze in the 2024 Paralympics in Paris, and is the T38 World Record holder in 1500m and 500m.



Overview

The Victorian School Sports Awards are the highest sporting accolades presented in Victoria's government school system.

This annual event, held for the first time in 1994, rewards excellence across all categories of major school sports.

The awards are given to students, teachers, parents and volunteers who have excelled or made an outstanding contribution to school sport. The importance of school and community partnerships in the development of Victorian sports is also recognised.

In addition, the esteemed Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award, in honour of the seven-time Olympian and Basketball Hall of Fame legend, is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to both school and community sport.

At today's presentation ceremony, 33 individual student awards, each known as a Sporting Blue, will be presented across 14 sports categories to young athletes for their outstanding success in 2025.

The term Sporting Blue derives from the history of English sport. In 1936, during a boat race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities, a Cambridge oarsman tied a light blue ribbon to the bow of his boat (the colour of his school, Eton College).

A dark blue ribbon was then ascribed to Oxford (the colour of Christ Church College). Subsequently, a Sporting Blue became identified around the world as an accolade of sporting excellence by young people and is distinguished by a two-coloured ribbon attached to a traditional bronze medallion.

The Department of Education believes it is fitting to present Sporting Blue awards as a reflection of the high standard of talent and dedication demonstrated by aspiring young athletes in Victorian government schools.

Recognise a Sports Star!

Nominate for the 2026 Victorian School Sports Awards

If you know a student, a teacher, a community volunteer or a school achieving great things in government school sports, give them the recognition they deserve by nominating them for an award.

The Victorian School Sports Awards recognise exceptional dedication and achievement in the following award categories:

- Sporting Blue Award
- Coordinator of the Year Award
- Team Vic Award
- Life Membership Award
- Spirit of Sport Award
- Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award
- Outstanding Teacher Contribution Award
- Outstanding Community Contribution Award
- Outstanding School and Community Partnership Award
- Outstanding Student Official Award
- Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award

For further information about award category criteria and how to nominate someone, visit the School Sport Victoria website: <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VictorianSchoolSportsAwards.aspx>



Coordinator of the Year Awards



Wayne Schultz

Award: Primary District Coordinator of the Year

Wayne has driven huge growth in student participation across the Broadmeadows District. He makes sport fun, fair, and open to everyone in the diverse community. Last year, students had 4,088 chances to play 17 sports, including handball, surfing, and lawn bowls. More students are now moving from school programs to community clubs. He also helped start the Dallas Phoenix Basketball Club, giving students a chance to keep playing beyond school.



Billy Rilen

Award: Primary Region Coordinator of the Year

Billy makes sure school sport runs smoothly in Gippsland. He has created easy online resources for all schools to use. He supports Team Vic trials and works closely with clubs, coaches and officials. Thanks to Billy, more students are taking part. Coaches and officials feel supported. Calm and reliable, he makes every event fair and fun.



Xavier Hughes

Award: Primary Division Coordinator of the Year

Xavier has raised the profile of school sports in the Latrobe Valley. He is a champion for interschool sport. He has improved communication and coordination across schools. Xavier's focus on inclusion has increased participation. He has also built partnerships with local clubs to create pathways for students. Thanks to his leadership, every student has the chance to play, grow and succeed.



Leanne Rawson

Award: Secondary Division Coordinator of the Year

Every event runs like clockwork thanks to Leanne. She plans every detail and builds strong connections with schools in the Loddon Mallee region. Her competitions are fair, safe and welcoming. She makes sure players feel confident, included, and excited to come back. Students learn teamwork and respect, and more are taking part than ever before. Calm and methodical, she supports both her students and colleagues.



Coordinator of the Year Awards



Jannelle Graham

Award: Secondary Region Coordinator of the Year

Jannelle gives every student a chance to shine. She coaches teams for state competitions and helps young officials learn. She runs events that are fair and welcoming, and supports schools and teachers. She builds connections with venues and sporting groups, and makes sure events in Casey North go well. Friendly and organised, she helps students feel confident and have fun.

Spirit of Sport Award



Bairnsdale Secondary College

Bairnsdale Secondary students show courage, respect and teamwork on and off the field. This year, the senior lawn bowls, table tennis and soccer teams won state Spirit of Sport awards. They helped each other, looked after injured teammates and were kind to opponents. They played fair, included everyone and made friends. The team creates happy memories that last long after the game.



Team Vic Awards



Chris Pentland

Award: Team Vic Coach of the Year

Chris builds more than athletes – he builds young leaders. His leadership in the Team Vic 16 Years and Under Boys Basketball program teaches skills, teamwork and confidence.

He builds strong connections between students, families, schools and clubs.

He encourages inclusion and respect and ensures that athletes feel supported and valued. His leadership helps young players succeed, creating a culture of respect and success.



Zach Bond

Award: Team Vic Manager of the Year

Zach creates a safe and positive place where all students can succeed.

He organises training, supports others, and works with schools, clubs and families within the Team Vic 12 Years and Under Rugby League program.

Zach plans ahead and helps wherever

he is needed. His work makes sure every athlete takes part, improves their skills, and enjoys sport. He builds confidence and teamwork. Zach has made a lasting difference for students, coaches and the school community.



15 Years and Under Girls Australian Rules Football Team

Award: Team Vic Team of the Year

The team is proud to represent the state in Australian Football, and has achieved national success. They won the gold medal in 2025 at the School Sport Australia Championships. They love growing, learning and playing together. Coaches believe strong relationships make the team stronger. Training is safe, fair and designed to help the team learn skills and work together. Everyone in the team feels respected, included and connected.



Life Membership Awards



Cameron Heath

Cameron has helped shape school sport, in particular football, in Victoria for almost 30 years. He led the Team Vic girls football team to their first School Sport Australia Championship. He supports teachers and builds links with clubs. His changes to selection processes have made sport fairer.

Cameron creates chances for students to do well. He has had a lasting impact on athletes, colleagues and the community.



Sean Kavanagh

Sean has spent 2 decades developing the next generation of AFL stars. He coached the Team Vic 15 Years and Under Boys Australian Football team to 10 School Sport Australia Championship gold medals. He also guided more than 100 players into AFL careers.

As a teacher and district secretary, he has created a culture of respect, opportunity and excellence. Sean is known for his vision, leadership and dedication. His impact on school sport and pathways to elite performance is unmatched.



Michelle Lonergan

Michelle has marked 25 years as School Sport Victoria division coordinator. She coaches swimming, cross country and athletics teams. She also leads as a coach of the Team Vic 10-12 Years Cross Country team. Michelle gives students the chance to help run events and learn responsibility. She supports new coordinators, passing on what

she knows. She shows up, does the work and makes a real difference. Her kindness and commitment inspire students, teachers and the school sport community.



Sporting Blue Awards

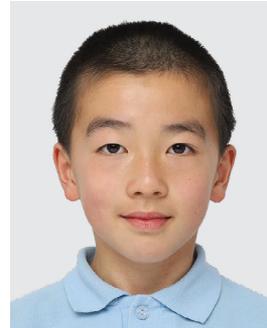


Hasas Abeygunawardana

**Award: Athletics (multi-class)
Eastwood Primary School**

Hasas embodies the spirit of school sport. He held the title of state cross country champion 3 years in a row. He represented Team Vic at the School Sport Australia Championships, and brought home

8 gold medals from 2023 to 2025. Profoundly Deaf since birth, Hasas communicates in Auslan and was Auslan Captain at school.



Victor Huang

**Award: Athletics
Mount Waverley Primary School**

Victor is a champion on and off the field. He won long jump and triple jump at the 2025 School Sport Victoria State Track and Field Primary Championships. At nationals, he placed first in long jump with a 5.27-metre jump.

Victor also plays soccer, where he is a supportive teammate. Victor received a Caroline Chisholm Volunteer Award and the Monash Young Leader Award for his contributions to school, sport and community.



Poppy Robinson

**Award: Athletics
Broadford Primary School**

With wins in swimming, cross country and netball, Poppy is a well-rounded athlete. She has represented the state in the 100-metre, 200-metre and relay events. She holds the region's record for the 100-metre and 200-metre

sprint for 12/13-year-old girls. She joined the Eaglehawk Athletics Club and broke the under-13 record for 100-metre sprint. She has also captained a local netball team and won many Best and Fairest awards.



Allegra Orso

**Award: Athletics
McKinnon Secondary College**

Allegra soars on the track and the field. The year 12 graduate student is the national triple jump champion and claimed silver at the All Schools Nationals in long jump and triple jump. She also holds records and titles

in the 100 metres, long jump and triple jump. The Gilmore House Captain coaches younger athletes, combining athletic excellence with leadership.



Sporting Blue Awards



Charlie Morton

Award: Athletics
Maribyrnong College

A star on the rise, Charlie has competed at state and national events. He claimed first place in the 2000-metre steeplechase at state championships. He placed third in the 2000-metre steeplechase at the

Athletics Australia Junior Nationals. Charlie shows focus, effort and a strong work ethic across all areas of school life. He was a member of the debate club and also received a Principal's Academic Award.



Thomas McGuane

Award: Australian Rules Football
Maribyrnong College

Thomas is a rising AFL star. In 2025, he represented Vic Metro at the under-18 national championships. He played 3 VFL games with Collingwood Football Club and joined the Adelaide Crows' pre-season list. A talented leader, Tom

was part of the Western Jets leadership group. He co-hosted the Monash Student Association Awards, and received the Don Deeble Rising Star Award. His dedication shines on and off the field.



Tayla McMillan

Award: Australian Rules Football
Wantirna College

Tayla is a talented Australian rules football player known for her speed and defensive skills. She was captain of the Eastern Ranges premiership team. She was named Player of the Match in the grand final. She also represented

Vic Metro at the national championships. Being selected for the national academy team capped off an outstanding year for this rising star.



Ava Wong

Award: Badminton
Maribyrnong College

Rising badminton star Ava had an outstanding 2025. The promising junior player joined the Badminton Australia Junior Falcons program. She won state titles and the under-17 girls doubles title at the Australian

national championships. Her focus, discipline and leadership give her an edge on the court and at school.



Sporting Blue Awards



Roman Coote

Award: Baseball
Maribyrnong College

Roman proved to be one of Victoria's top young baseball talents in 2025. He earned a place in the Australian under-18 squad training camp after strong state and national performances in the under 16 teams.

At school, he excelled in the senior baseball team. He joined the Maribyrnong Sports Academy's Athlete Support Program. His skill, focus and leadership set him apart on and off the field.



Collette Cuberes

Award: Basketball
Rangeview Primary School

It's been a year of sporting achievements for Collette. She captained the Rangeview Girls Basketball team to the state finals. She also led the Hoop Time team to its fourth consecutive state

finals. Collette helped Team Vic's 12 Years and Under Girls Basketball team win gold at the School Sport Australia Championships. She trains in Basketball Victoria's High Performance Pathways Program. She has also set school records in athletics and cross country.



Zodia Folau

Award: Basketball
Maribyrnong College

Zodia leads with skill and heart on the basketball court. She co-captained the Basketball Vic Metro under-16 team to gold at the national championships. The Year 9 student also helped Samoa win bronze at the under-15 Oceania Cup.

At school, Zodia joined the Maribyrnong Sports Academy's leadership program. Her coaches praise her focus, work ethic and respect.



Sonny Maxwell

Award: Basketball
Maribyrnong College

Sonny starred in Basketball Vic Country's gold-medal win for basketball at the under-18 national championships, scoring 18 points and 3 rebounds. He attended the Basketball Australia under-17 selection camp for the Oceania Championships. The Year 11 student

also represented his state in the under-20 men's team. Sonny was also part of the Australian Select team that played in China in the Shanghai Future Stars tournament, taking home Bronze.



Sporting Blue Awards



Jackson Martin

Award: Cricket
Maribyrnong College

Jackson has quickly risen through the cricket ranks. From School Sport Victoria Team Vic to a Premier Cricket First debut with Essendon, he impresses with both bat and ball. In the Dowling Shield, he scored 236

runs, took 16 wickets, and claimed 5 wickets against a Sri Lankan test batter. Coaches praise his skill, work ethic and consistency. Jackson's performances mark him as a talented all-rounder with a bright future.



Jasmine Kamboj

Award: Cricket
Maribyrnong College

Jasmine loves cricket and her hard work is paying off. She was one of 5 Victorian players selected for the Australian under-19 squad. She also plays for the Victorian Premier Cricket team and the Carlton Cricket Club.

Whether representing her school or her state, she plays with pride. Jasmine applies the same skill, focus and commitment to her studies.



Jeremy Alexander Harianto

Award: Football (Soccer)
Serpell Primary School

Jeremy is kicking goals on and off the field. He represented Team Vic at the School Sport Australia Championships in 2025. Alongside his sporting success, Jeremy has won academic awards.

He has shown leadership as a house captain and sports team captain. Outside school, he has been selected for elite teams and training programs. This includes the Bulleen Lions NPL and Melbourne Victory Centralised Academy.



Francesca Tinnirello

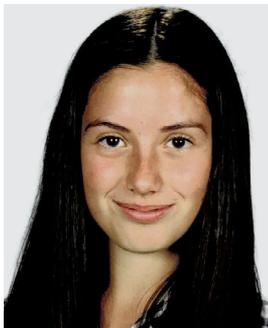
Award: Football (Soccer)
Greenhills Primary School

Francesca helped Team Vic make history at the 2025 School Sport Australia Championships. Playing as a forward, she helped the Team Vic 12 Years and Under Girls Football team win a silver medal. This is the best-ever

result achieved by the team. In club football, Francesca was the top goal scorer in the under-13 National Premier League with 8 goals. She also served her school community as the leader of the Grade 5/6 Community Action Team.



Sporting Blue Awards



Aeryn Tarrant

Award: Football (Soccer)
Maribyrnong College

Aeryn is already representing Australia. She was on the Junior Matildas under-16 team, which won the ASEAN Girls' Championships in Indonesia. She also helped Australia win a place in the Asian Football

Confederation championships in 2026. This is the qualifying pathway to the under-17 World Cup. Aeryn has earned Most Valuable Player and Player of the Tournament awards. She was captain of the Junior Matildas for a friendly match against Thailand.



Hugo Wortley

Award: Golf
Maribyrnong College

Hugo ruled Victorian junior golf in 2025. He won the Victorian Boys Order of Merit – Geoff Ogilvy Trophy with 1,470 points. He won the Riversdale Junior Open, the Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club

Junior Open and the Craig Spence Cup. The Year 10 student also represented Victoria at the School Sport Australia Championships. His performance has confirmed his place among the state's leading junior golfers.

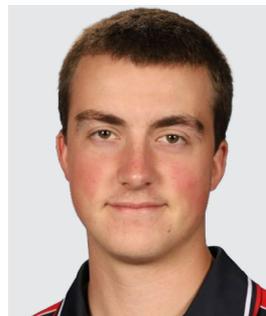


Liam Knott

Award: Golf
Chilwell Primary School

Liam always gives his best in school and community life. He represented Victoria in golf at the School Sport Australia Championships in both grades 5 and 6. At age 12, Liam qualified for the Victorian Junior Open. Liam has strong leadership

skills. He leads by example, respects officials and supports his teammates. He has been school captain, football captain, golf captain and a peer support leader.



Jack Brennan

Award: Hockey
Warrandyte High School

Jack makes an impact every time he steps on the field. He helped Victoria claim gold at the national championships as the tournament's top goal scorer.

That performance earned him selection in Australia's inaugural under-16 hockey team. He also competes in Victoria's Premier League and the Hockey Club Melbourne Futures Squad. At school, Jack leads as a captain, coach, umpire and mentor.



Sporting Blue Awards



Gabriella Pezzimenti

Award: Hockey
Maribyrnong College

Gabriella is already making waves nationally. She has set her sights on the Brisbane 2032 Olympics. She was chosen for Hockey Australia's under-16 and under-18 squads. The Year 10 student also led Victoria's under-16 team to the national championships. She effortlessly balances elite training with her studies. Her coaching and umpiring show leadership beyond her years.



Oriana Ioane

Award: Rugby League
Melton Secondary College

Oriana has shown leadership as a team captain at school and in the local league. She has represented the state at the Australian School Sports Rugby League championships, where she was awarded most valuable player. Oriana has been selected for the Melbourne Storm development squad for 3 years running. She is dedicated to giving her best on the field and is known for leading by example.



Tamiano Sakaria

Award: Rugby League
Melton Secondary College

Last year, Tamiano was selected to play 3 different sports at state level – a remarkable achievement. An outstanding football, rugby and gridiron player, Tamiano is a powerful force on the field. He was selected for the Harold Matthews Rugby League Development squad. Tamiano is known for his quiet and humble nature, and leads by example and works hard to achieve his goals.



Madison Dakin-Telford

Award: Softball
Niddrie Primary School

Madison is an exceptional all-round athlete and natural leader. Madison has represented Victoria in 12 Years and Under Baseball, 12 Years and Under Softball and Under 14 Softball at the National Championships. She also competed in the under-14 and under-17 State Softball Championships. In 2025, Madison captained the School Sport Victoria Softball team to a silver medal, helped lead her school softball team to a district title and was school vice captain.



Sporting Blue Awards



Leo Li

Award: Softball
Rangeview Primary School

Leo is an outstanding athlete and a humble leader. He represented Victoria in the Team Vic 12 Years and Under Boys Softball team at School Sport Australia Championships in 2024 and 2025.

He led his school to back-to-back state

T-ball titles and a state softball runners-up finish. His sporting skill extends to athletics, volleyball and netball, in which he set school records. Calm and dedicated, Leo motivates others and brings out the best in every team he joins.



Ethan Dinghao Ma

Award: Swimming
Serpell Primary School

Keen swimmer Ethan has won medals at local, state and national levels.

He has many achievements outside the pool. Ethan is active in other sports and has captained his school softball and soccer teams. He was

part of the Victorian High-Ability Program for mathematics and English. Ethan's love of swimming has led him to volunteer to help younger students learn to swim. He has also made videos about swimming safety.



Catherine Zitong Yim

Award: Swimming
Camberwell Primary School

Catherine only started learning to swim in Grade 3. Today, she is Victoria's number one in the girls 11-year-old breaststroke. In 2025, she represented Victoria at the national championships. She earned silver in

breaststroke, silver in the mixed medley relay, and bronze in the girls medley relay. Catherine also shines in athletics and academically. She shows what hard work and determination can achieve.



Zahlie Snijders

Award: Swimming
Western Heights College

Zahlie is one of our nation's most exciting young talents. She is a standout swimmer who trains up to 9 times a week in the pool, while maintaining a strong academic record. In 2024, Zahlie qualified to

compete at the Australian Olympic trials. Last year, she won the 200-metre and 400-metre freestyle in her age group at the Australian Age National Championships.



Sporting Blue Awards



Gavy Dhindsa

Award: Tennis
Gilgai Plains Primary School

Gavy is Australia's number-one ranked tennis player for boys born in 2014. In 2025, he was the youngest player to compete at the De Minaur Junior Tour finals, finishing ninth nationally. He also helped the Victoria team win a national

title at the Australian Teams Championships. Gavy is the current Victorian under-12 singles and doubles champion.



Talia Mirzayeva

Award: Tennis
Maribyrnong College

Fearless and fast, Talia is making a name for herself in junior tennis. Her strong results in 2025 included a single title in the Victorian State Masters and a top-5 ranking in the junior under-14

division. She also represented Victoria at the Australian Teams Championships.



Arlo Shawcross

Award: Tennis (multi-class)
Western Heights College

Arlo is setting the pace in wheelchair tennis. He is currently ranked number 5 in the world in Juniors Singles, is Australia's number one player for his age and a national under-18 champion. He earned a wildcard in the Australian Open junior

championships and came runner up. He holds the junior titles at the International Tennis Federation Melbourne and Canberra Open.



Ruby Smith

Award: Volleyball
Maribyrnong College

In 2025, Ruby marked her third time as the Victorian Indoor Volleyball Team captain. For the third time, she led the team to win gold at the national championships. This shows her leadership skills and ability to

inspire her teammates. She also won Most Valuable Player at the tournament. Ruby was chosen for Volleyball Australia's under-18 development team, and has been invited to attend the Australian Institute of Sport in 2026.



Sporting Blue Awards



James Beddoe

Award: Volleyball
Eltham High School

As team captain at the 2025 School Sport Australia Championships, James led his team to gold. He finished second in the state league and was awarded Most Valuable Player. James has earned bronze medals at national championships. He has also been selected for national development camps. James represented Australia at the Asian Under-16 Volleyball Championship in Thailand. James was the vice captain of the team.

Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award



Chloe Spencer

Maribyrnong College

Chloe had a brilliant 2025, competing in taekwondo tournaments all over the world. She brought home bronze at the Cadet World championships, beating top players from 4 countries. She also claimed gold at the British Open and silver at the Belgian Open. Chloe trains hard, plays smart and shows she can take on the world's best.



Outstanding Teacher Contribution Awards



Michelle Letts

Wattle View Primary School

Michelle runs one of Victoria's biggest representative basketball programs. She leads dozens of teams from local juniors to state squads. She mentors coaches, supports families and helps players grow. She has built a strong basketball

community where effort and opportunity come first. Players feel welcome and everyone has a chance to succeed. Her work gives young athletes across the region more chances to play, learn and succeed.



Anthony Young

Eltham High School

Anthony has built a powerful volleyball program. In 2025, he ran 20 teams, giving 173 students the chance to train and play. Four teams won state titles, 3 reached semi-finals, and 6 played at the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

Many players were picked for state teams and junior Australian tours, and 6 toured internationally with junior Australian teams. Anthony leads with energy and vision.



Rowan Barrow

Wangaratta District Specialist School

Rowan makes sport fun and fair for everyone. She guides swimming, athletics and cross country events for all abilities. Her players, turned para-athletes, compete at state, national and international levels.

She mentors new staff and works hard to build community partnerships. She has helped create a strong, inclusive culture that inspires every athlete to do their best.



Outstanding School and Community Partnership Awards



Trafalgar
Primary School
& Early Learning Centre

Trafalgar Primary School

At Trafalgar Primary School, sport is an important part of school life. The school has strong partnerships across the region so students can try new sports. They can explore everything from taekwondo to dance. They also receive expert coaching in tennis, golf and hockey. Teachers get to develop their umpiring and coaching skills. This creates a positive sporting culture across the school.



Western Port Secondary College

Sport brings schools and students together at Western Port Secondary College. The school teamed up with nearby schools to design the district sports day program. This boosted opportunities for everyone. Students learn the value of effort and teamwork. Senior students mentor children at local primary schools to inspire young athletes. The school aims to nurture a lifelong love of sport.



Outstanding Student Official Award



Elijah Kata

Berwick College

Elijah leads on and off the basketball court. He captained his team to the 2024 national title and represented Australia in Singapore in 2025. As a referee, he's taken charge of top matches, including the gold medal game at the School Sport Australia Championships. Fair, focused and full of energy, Elijah inspires teammates and players alike.

Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award



Alisa Kayukov

Eltham High School

Alisa is one of Victoria's brightest volleyball stars and most respected young leaders. She won gold as vice captain for Team Vic in 2024 and returned as student assistant coach in 2025, helping them win silver. She supports coaches, runs competitions, mentors teammates and is an experienced referee. With a swag of state and national medals, she is a role model and leader on and off the court.



Sponsor Message – VicHealth

VicHealth is proud to support the annual Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award, which recognises outstanding leadership in the promotion of community and school sport.

Lindsay Gaze OAM, a distinguished Olympian, represented Australia in three Olympic Games before turning his attention to coaching, where he became one of basketball's premier mentors. Inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Australian Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004, he has dedicated himself to sharing his extensive knowledge and is widely recognised as one of the nation's most influential sporting figures.

In addition to his athletic achievements, Lindsay played a pivotal role with VicHealth. He served as a board member for more than a decade and helped steer VicHealth's vision of improved health and wellbeing for all Victorians.

School and community sport is so good for our health and wellbeing. It promotes physical and mental health, social connection, personal growth, teamwork, and inclusion. School and community sports clubs have the power to provide safe, welcoming spaces for young people, offering them a platform to build relationships while being active.

We're thrilled to continue our work with School Sports Victoria and recognise Lindsay, as we work towards a healthier, fairer Victoria where all Victorians benefit from good health and have the opportunity to thrive.



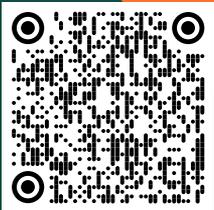
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Prof Anna Peeters
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PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

681,159

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS



7%

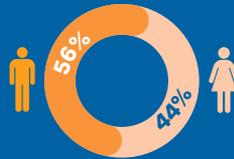
FROM 2024

399,866

PRIMARY STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

281,293

SECONDARY STUDENT PARTICIPANTS



900

MULTI-CLASS STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

58%

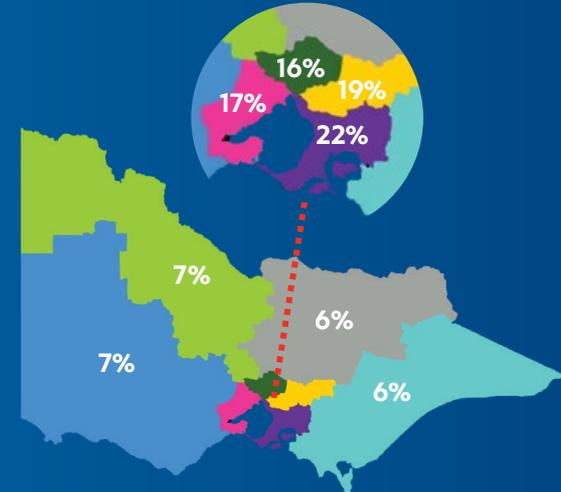


42%



Interschool sport student participants statistics include multi-class student opportunities in cross country, swimming, and track & field only.

SSV REGION BREAKDOWN



- Loddon Mallee Region
- Greater Western Region
- Northern Metro Region
- Western Metro Region
- Hume Region
- Southern Metro Region
- Eastern Metro Region
- Gippsland Region

STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS



8,327

TRIALISTS



1,090

STUDENTS SELECTED



47

TEAMS SELECTED



19

SPORTS



60



93



99

VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES



1,119

PARTICIPANTS



104

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND OFFICIALS



60

SESSIONS



26

EVENTS



98%

of surveyed participants believed VTG benefits their health and wellbeing and increases the value of the role that sport, recreation or wellness activities plays in their lives.

ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

PEOPLE **350+** **155** **17** **13**
 SSV COORDINATORS TEAM VIC OFFICIALS HEAD OFFICE STAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

AWARDS **420** **38** **41**
 ACADEMIC & SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WINNERS SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA AWARDS PRESENTED VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS

PARTNERS
27 STATE SPORTING ORGANISATION PARTNERS
6 VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES PARTNERS
2 TEAM VIC PARTNERS
1 COMMUNITY PARTNERS
1 APPAREL PARTNER
1 MERCHANDISE PARTNER

dmc sport.
↑ 1.7% MERCHANDISE SALES FROM 2024
↑ 130 EVENTS ATTENDED



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17,175 STUDENTS ENGAGED

183 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED
36 ATHLETE SPEAKERS
14 OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING
117,003

TOTAL ONLINE COMMUNITY IN 2025

f **34,635** **↑ 9% INCREASE** **ig** **24,033** **↑ 16% INCREASE** **in** **2,978** **↑ 16% INCREASE**

@ **55,357** **30** EDMS SENT **46%** AVG OPEN RATE

2,350,487 TOTAL WEBPAGE VIEWS

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