

A female hockey player in a dark blue jersey with "VIC" on the sleeve is in the foreground, focused on a white hockey stick. In the background, a male athlete is seen in mid-air, performing a high jump or similar athletic feat. The background is a solid blue gradient.

2025 SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA IMPACT REPORT



Department
of Education

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

2025 was a significant year for School Sport Victoria, in particular achieving a **record level of student participation** in the extensive school sport program.

It is certainly rewarding seeing **students** and **schools** enjoying the many **benefits** that **participation** in **sport** provides.

School Sport Victoria has continued to deliver on its 10-year strategy, [School Sport Victoria Strategic Directions 2020 to 2030](#), and to fulfil its role in enabling students to **play** sport, champion the **value** of school sport, and **connect** school and community sport.

This year provided an opportunity to reflect on key achievements of our role over the first five years of the strategy and set clear strategic priorities for the remaining period of 2026 to 2030. This report highlights our key areas of **impact**, including for **students, teachers, schools** and **partners**.

The **School Sport Victoria Advisory Committee** has supported the strategic management of School Sport Victoria, including the strategic directions and informing key initiatives. Thank you to all the committee members for their contribution.

I would like to also thank the dedicated team of **staff** at School Sport Victoria, all **Coordinators, Team Vic officials, volunteers, partners** and **sponsors** for their strong contribution to the delivery of school sport programs and experiences throughout 2025. It is also fantastic to have the continued support from School Sport Victoria **school members**, to engage their students to participate in the range of school sport programs.

Since returning to School Sport Victoria in October 2025, it has been rewarding to re-engage with the range of **partners** as well as seeing the progress that has been made in providing more opportunities for students.

I would like to thank **Jamie Parsons**, as CEO of School Sport Victoria, for his leadership and contribution that he made to advancing a range of initiatives, which included introducing the **Positive Behaviour rule** across selected interschool sports.

We know the importance of **students playing sport, to their personal development, health and wellbeing and contribution to them enjoying a life-long engagement** in sport and physical activity.

School Sport Victoria is well positioned to continue to drive its purpose, in **developing young people through school sport** and **supporting schools to maximise opportunities for all students to play sport into the future.**

Regards,

Rayoni Nelson
Chief Executive Officer
School Sport Victoria



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



School Sport Victoria, as part of the Department of Education proudly acknowledges Victoria's First Nations communities as the Traditional Owners of the unceded lands, waters and skies, and pays respect to all Elders past and present.

We recognise First Nations people as Victoria's first educators, artists and scientists, and we value the ongoing contribution of First Nations people and communities to Victorian life and how this enriches us all.

We also commit to work together to deliver the Victorian Government's commitment to self-determination, Truth and Treaty.

WHO WE ARE

School Sport Victoria, as part of the Department of Education, delivers an extensive school sport program to primary and secondary students across Victoria.

We provide student opportunities to play sport from local through to national levels, whilst enabling connection to community participation pathways.

Through our **interschool sport program**, in partnership with state sporting organisations, we provide opportunities for students to represent their school across a wide range of individual and team sports.

As a member of **School Sport Australia**, we provide opportunities for students to represent Victoria, under the banner of Team Vic, across various sports to compete at School Sport Australia Championships.

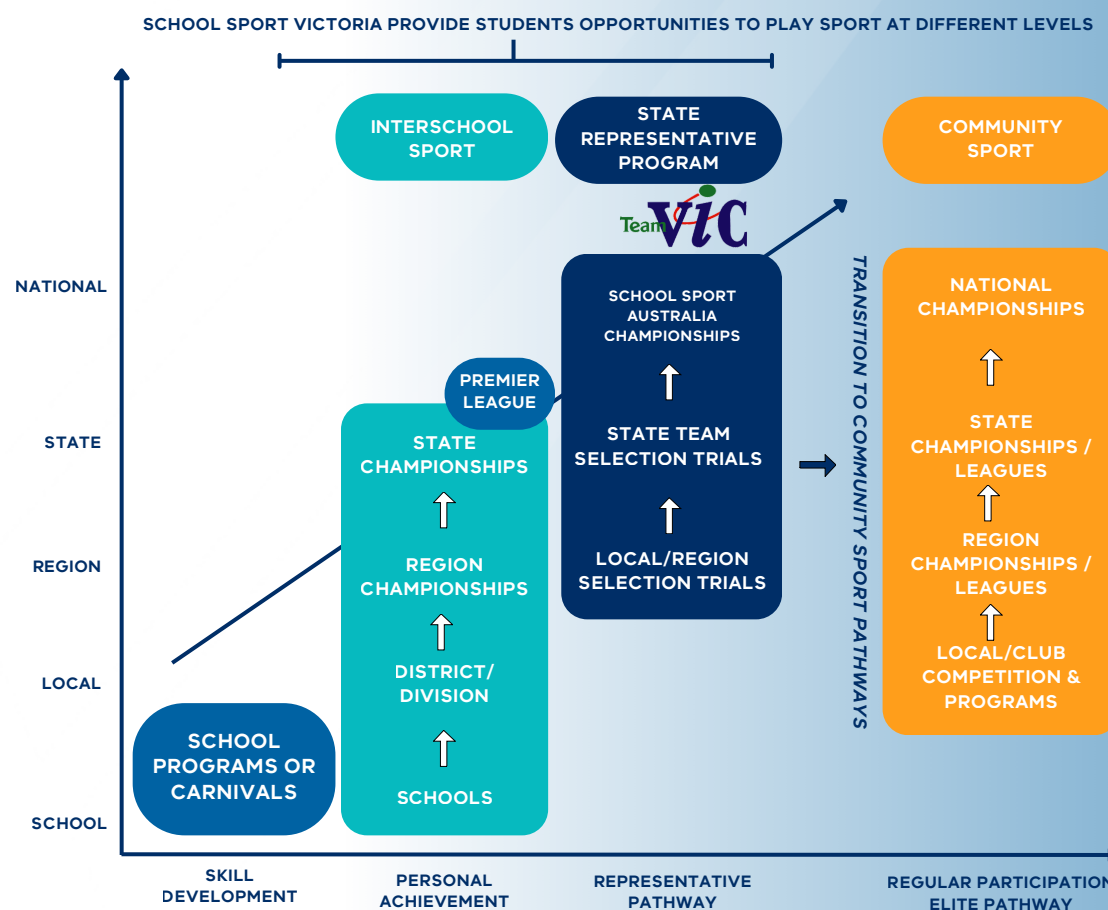
We deliver the **Victorian Teachers' Games**, a unique annual event that aims to bring the community of educators together for multiple days of sport and social activities.

Our extensive **communication and social media channels** inform the school sport community of participation opportunities, celebrate the achievements in school sport and demonstrate the value of sport to engaging and developing students and schools.

We work collaboratively with **partners across community, state, and elite sporting organisations** to support delivery of our school sport opportunities, connect school and community sport pathways for students, and provide opportunities for students facing additional barriers to participate. We also work with sector partners to collaborate on ways to engage children and young people in physical activity and sport.

OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The School Sport Victoria Advisory Committee of **13** representatives, supports the strategic management of School Sport Victoria, including the strategic directions, key programs and stakeholder partnerships.



OUR IMPACT: AT A GLANCE

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

681,159

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS



7%

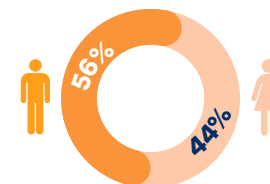
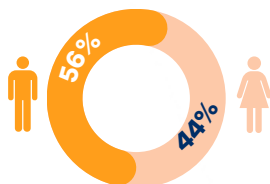
FROM 2024

399,866

PRIMARY STUDENT
PARTICIPANTS

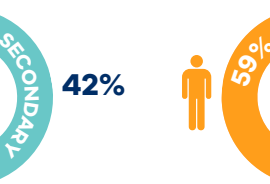
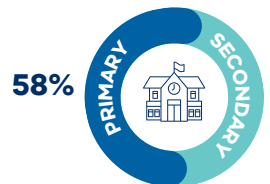
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SECONDARY STUDENT
PARTICIPANTS



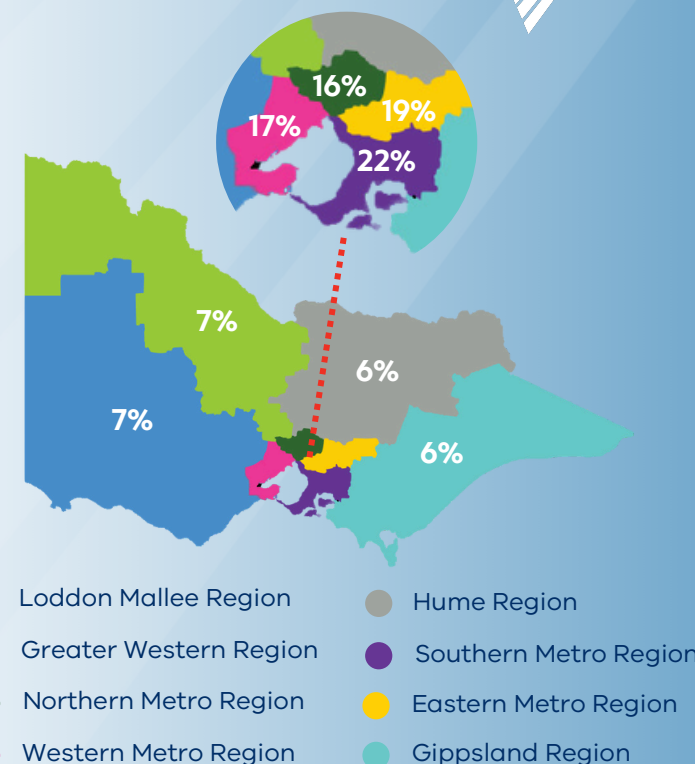
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MULTI-CLASS
STUDENT
PARTICIPANTS



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

SSV REGION BREAKDOWN



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.

OUR IMPACT: **PLAY**



Providing inclusive and accessible participative and competitive opportunities in school sport to involve a wider range of Victorian students

The **interschool sport program** provided Victorian students from Year 4 to Year 12 the opportunity to play, across 29 different sports. This program continued to engage diversity of students, including across gender, school year levels and across Victoria.

Emerging student athletes registered to trial for selection to represent **Team Vic** at School Sport Australia Championships in 47 teams across 19 sports.

Multiclass opportunities enabled students with disability to participate in interschool track and field, cross country and swimming, alongside representing Team Vic in track and field, cross country, swimming and aquathon at School Sport Australia Championships.

School Sport Victoria piloted a **Positive Behaviour Rule** across selected interschool sports. All spectators, parents, team officials and players at School Sport Victoria activities must comply with Codes of Conduct. To encourage positive behaviour, rules applied across football (soccer) and basketball for on field offences against offending teams.

As part of its child safe practices, School Sport Victoria introduced best practice guidelines for the appointment of **Child Safe Officers** at School Sport Victoria events and activities to ensure a safe and positive experience for all children.

- A record **681,159** interschool sport student participant engagements  7% from 2024
- A record **900** multiclass student participant engagements in interschool sport
- **399,866** primary and **281,293** secondary school student participant engagements in interschool sport
- **44%** girls and **56%** boys participation in interschool sport
- **26%** regional Victoria and **74%** metropolitan student participation in interschool sport
- **8,327** Team Vic student trialists
- **1,090** students selected in Team Vic teams



OUR IMPACT: VALUE



Enhancing the role of school sport as part of a whole school approach to physical activity and physical literacy of all students

School Sport Victoria **membership** enables schools access to a [range of benefits](#) to support school sport opportunities for students and staff. The number of school members continues to grow annually.

School Sport Victoria's **communications and marketing** activities continue to inform the SSV community, with the website being the central source of key information with our digital audience growing by 10%.

The **Victorian School Sports Awards and School Sport Victoria Awards** celebrated exceptional commitment and performance from **Victorian government school student athletes**, while also rewarding leadership and community contribution through participation in sport.

School Sport Victoria **Academic and Sporting Achievement Medals** recognised students achieving outstanding results in both their academic and sporting pursuits.

The **Victorian Teachers' Games** provided over 26 sporting, wellness and social activities for participants, who included teachers, school staff and early childhood educators.

Based on an annual survey, **participant satisfaction** was strong across interschool sport, Team Vic participation at School Sport Australia Championships and with the Victorian Teachers' Games.



- **117,003** total online community
- **2,466,831** webpage views
- **41** Victorian School Sports Award winners
- **38** School Sport Victoria Award winners
- **420** Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal winners
 ↑ 11% from 2024
- **85%** satisfaction for interschool sport
- **71%** satisfaction for Team Vic at School Sport Australia Championships
- **1,119** registered participants in the Victorian Teachers' Games
- **98%** of surveyed participants believed the Victorian Teachers' Games benefits their health and wellbeing and increases the value of the role that sport, recreation or wellness activities plays in their lives

OUR IMPACT: CONNECT



Facilitating partnerships between schools and communities through school sport to support lifelong participation in physical activity

School Sport Victoria supported Coordinators across Victoria to deliver school sport programs, comprising:

- Primary and Secondary Region Coordinators
- Primary and Secondary Division Coordinators
- Primary District Coordinators.

School Sport Victoria held **6 Region Forums** with the statewide network of Coordinators, which provided professional development, connection and ongoing improvements in school sport delivery.

School Sport Victoria **collaborated with a wide range of sport and community partners** to support delivery of our school sport opportunities, connect school and community sport pathways for students.

In **partnership with AFL Victoria**, School Sport Victoria transitioned to the new [SSV Primary School Australian Football format](#) following a two-year trial period in 2023 and 2024. A [suite of resources](#) was co-developed by School Sport Victoria and AFL Victoria with SSV's Coordinators also receiving equipment kits to assist with delivering the new format.

School Sport Victoria also worked with **Tennis Victoria** regarding the primary school offering with the decision to focus on the 'Hot Shots' format given its inclusive focus and as a fun way for students to play and learn the game.

- **350+** School Sport Victoria Coordinator roles
- **27** State Sporting Organisation partners
- **6** Victorian Teachers' Games partners
- **2** Team Vic partners
- **1** Community partner
- **1** Apparel partner
- **1** Merchandise partner



OUR IMPACT: **FOR STUDENTS**

School Sport Victoria's **interschool sport** program provided students opportunities to represent their school and play sport, across 28 sports.

Emerging Victorian student athletes registered to trial for **Team Vic** teams, with selected students participating at **School Sport Australia Championships** across **19 sports**.

At School Sport Australia Championships for students aged 13–19 years, students were named as members of the **All-Australian team** for their respective sports – recognising both performance on the field as well as their positive approach to their sport.

School Sport Victoria provided opportunities for students as either **assistant coaches** of Team Vic teams or **officials** to represent Victoria at School Sport Australia Championships.

The **Victorian School Sports Awards** celebrated exceptional commitment and performance from Victorian government student athletes. Sporting blues awards were awarded to students who have achieved exceptional performance in a sport.

Outstanding sporting awards include the:

- Lindsay Gaze Outstanding Sports Leadership Award
- Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award
- Outstanding Student Official Award.

Schools nominated students to receive **Academic and Sporting Achievement Medals** based on achieving outstanding results in their academic pursuits while also excelling in sporting activities.

Athletes from the **Victorian Institute of Sport** continued to educate and inspire Victorian students via the 'Be Fit. Be Well' program, regarding the importance of lifelong physical activity, overcoming barriers and building resilience.

- **681,159** interschool sport student participant engagements
- **8,327** Team Vic student trialists
- **1,090** students selected in Team Vic teams
- **34** students selected as match officials at School Sport Australia Championships
- **5** students selected as assistant coaches of Team Vic teams
- **60 gold, 93 silver** and **99 bronze medals** won at School Sport Australia Championships by Team Vic teams
- **33** students received individual Sporting Blues awards
- **3** outstanding sporting awards for students
- **420** students received an Academic and Sporting Achievement Medal
- **17,175** students engaged in the Be Fit. Be Well program.



OUR IMPACT: FOR TEACHERS

The annual multi-day **Victorian Teachers' Games** came to Melbourne for the first time. The Games included 26 different sporting, wellness and social events, delivered by 104 staff, volunteers and officials.

School Sport Victoria supported a statewide network of **School Sport Victoria Coordinators**, who are mainly teachers, to deliver the interschool sport program.

Team Vic officials were selected to support the trial, selection, preparation and participation of students in 47 Team Vic teams at School Sport Australia Championships. These included coaches, assistant coaches, team manager roles with teachers represented in each team.

School Sport Victoria held **six Region Forums** for SSV Coordinators during September, providing **professional development** and program planning across the network.

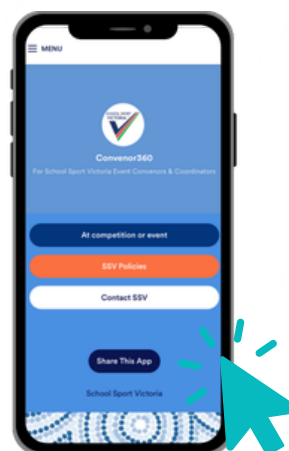
The **School Sport Victoria Advisory Committee** includes four dedicated positions for school representatives, to support the strategic management of School Sport Victoria.

The **Convenor360 App** was introduced to support SSV Coordinators and convenors including improving efficiency and risk management practices.

The **Victorian School Sports Awards** and **School Sport Victoria Awards** celebrated exceptional commitment and performance from Victorian teachers and sport coordinators, while also rewarding leadership and community contribution through participation in sport.

The **School Sport Australia Service Awards** recognises a person's continued commitment (10-years) to the School Sport Australia national program.

- **350+** School Sport Victoria Coordinators
- **155** Team Vic officials
- **5** School Sport Victoria Coordinator of the Year Award winners
- **3** School Sport Victoria Life Member Awards
- **3** Outstanding Teacher Contribution Award winners
- **16** School Sport Victoria Recognition Award winners
- **10** School Sport Australia Service Award winners
- **1,119** registered participants in the Victorian Teachers' Games
- **98%** of surveyed participants believed the Victorian Teachers' Games benefits their health and wellbeing and increases the value of role sport, recreation or wellness activities plays in their lives.



OUR IMPACT: FOR SCHOOLS

School Sport Victoria offers three types of **membership** available to Victorian primary and secondary schools:

- **Full membership** – open to all government schools.
- **Associate membership** – open to non-government schools that wish to participate in the full School Sport Victoria program.
- **Affiliate Membership** – open to non-government schools that can access a select range of benefits including the Team Vic state team selection trials.

Membership fees support the delivery costs associated with delivering school sport programs and the overall administration of School Sport Victoria.

School Sport Victoria membership enables schools access to [a range of benefits](#) to support school sport opportunities for students and staff.

School participation in School Sport Victoria's program supports schools to deliver the [minimum required amount of physical and sport education](#).

School sport supports student learning and wellbeing outcomes aligned to the [Framework for Improving Student Outcomes](#) (FISO 2.0) for all Victorian government schools.

School Sport Victoria's interschool sport program provides opportunities for students to **represent their school** across a wide range of individual and team sports. It also provides a pathway for school teams and students from local through to state level competitions.

The **Spirit of Sport Award** is awarded to schools that best exemplify positive values at the SSV State Finals with 99 schools being recipients in the first year of the award.



2025 Spirit of Sport Winner: Bairnsdale Secondary College

The **Be Fit. Be Well** program, delivered by the Victorian Institute of Sport, involved 36 athletes visiting Victorian schools where they highlight the importance of physical activity including sharing their stories of overcoming adversity, building resilience and personal triumph in sport and life.

The **Victorian School Sports Awards and School Sport Victoria Awards** celebrated exceptional commitment and performance in school sport by Victorian schools. School award winners included:

- **Bairnsdale Secondary College:** Spirit of Sport Award
- **Trafalgar Primary School:** Outstanding School and Community Partnership Award – Primary
- **Western Port Secondary College:** Outstanding School and Community Partnership Award – Secondary

Schools were able to nominate students to receive **Academic and Sporting Achievement Medals** based on achieving outstanding results in their academic pursuits while also excelling in sporting activities.

The **Victorian Teachers' Games** provides an opportunity for teachers and staff from schools to come together for multiple dates of sport and social activities.

The 2025 Games saw Crib Point Primary School become the first team to win the Ministers Cup twice, having also done so in 2024.

OUR IMPACT: FOR PARTNERS



School Sport Victoria continued to work closely with **state sporting organisations** to support the delivery of school sport, enhance the student experience, assist with the affordability of school sport and align school sport formats with community sport.

School Sport Victoria **merchandise** remained incredibly popular for students celebrating their achievements and experiences in school sport, being available at interschool sport events across Victoria.

School Sport Victoria built on the long-standing partnership between the **Victorian Teachers' Games** and the **Australian Education Union** (AEU), with the AEU becoming a major partner for a two-year period. Additionally, four new partners come on board to support Victorian teachers.

School Sport Victoria partnered with the **Victorian Institute of Sport** to deliver the Be Fit. Be Well program to Victorian government schools to highlight the importance of physical activity including sharing their stories of overcoming adversity, building resilience and personal triumph in sport and life.



- **27** state sporting organisation partners including 15 renewals
- **6** Victorian Teachers' Games partners, including major partner Australian Education Union
- S-Trend Sportswear, SSV's apparel partner, supplied more than **15,000** garments
- Merchandise partner DMC Sport attended 130 interschool sport events with sales increasing by 1.7%



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TEAM VIC PARTNERS



VTG PARTNERS



AWARDS PARTNER



COMMUNITY PARTNER

